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February 14, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

Radio contact was established with GNB on February 10, 1945, and Bureau message #102 was transmitted and German message #34 was received. This message had been earlier received by the Bureau from GNB's blind transmission of February 8, 1945,

The contact was maintained without incident. GNB voluntarily transmitted his own traffic before receiving that from Peasant.

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PEASANT CASE

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For your information there is attached a copy of a letter received from the Bureau's representative in Lisbon, Portugal.

(U) Our representative was authorized to discuss this case with the British authorities, provided the same could be done without disclosing that the original Bureau information concerning Strecht was obtained from [redacted]

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Director, FBI

Attention: SIS European Desk

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
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THE PERSONAL APPROVAL OF MR. D. M. LADD.

Specific reference is made to Bureau letters dated September 28, 1944 b7D
and December 9, 1944 bearing the above caption. These communications in the main
dealt with [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Re: PEASANT CASE

January 24, 1945

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It will be noted that

Later investigation at Oporto, Portugal determined that the cover address should have been AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, Rua Boavista 285, Oporto, Portugal.

The other tie-in with the PEASANT case arises with the fact that HAMANN (FRIEDRICH WILHELM HAMANN), who handled PEASANT after his arrival in San Sebastian, Spain and later in Lisbon, Portugal, is now identified as the one who recruited PINHEIRO who in turn recruited, presumably for HAMANN, STRECHT RIBEIRO. This shows a close tie-in between this case and the arrest of PINHEIRO brought about through British pressure upon Portuguese police. The point now arises as whether the arrest of PINHEIRO and the compromising of HAMANN will in effect compromise the operation of instant case by the Bureau at the present time. This is a matter which I feel deserves consideration in view of PINHEIRO's mention "my work for HAMANN was very insignificant even before June (1943) and practically speaking limited itself to the taking out of a passport for Brazil in the name of STRECHT". Again we see a definite involvement of HAMANN in recruiting an additional agent, namely, ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, a resident of Oporto, Portugal, who is presently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The statement by PINHEIRO is definite confirmation of facts already available indicating that the STRECHT RIBEIRO in Rio de Janeiro is a German agent. The fact that HAMANN was behind both STRECHT RIBEIRO of Rio de Janeiro and PEASANT, is obviously what is meant by the term "used" appearing in the first paragraph of Bureau letter dated September 28, 1944.

The situation at the present time is this. The British authorities have placed in motion action against a known German agent which has a possibility of jeopardizing two cases presently being handled by the Bureau, namely, instant case and that of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO. With reference to the latter individual, the Bureau has issued definite instructions to this office that the fact that ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO has been identified as a German agent should not be discussed with any outside agencies. These instructions do not appear logical at the present moment, particularly when the British authorities are in the possession of the signed statement of PINHEIRO to the effect that he secured a passport for Brazil in the name of STRECHT. It is an easy matter to take the next step and make the same identification made by the Bureau. In view of these circumstances I am tempering the import of Bureau instructions and requesting

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[REDACTED] At this stage the request will not proceed beyond that point. However, it is my belief that if this matter is going to be handled without a compromising of cases presently being handled by the Bureau, I must be given a carte blanche to deal openly with contacts which in the past have played square with this office. I would appreciate advice on this point at an early date.

There is no information contained in the files of this office concerning LUIS CARVALHAL. However, HAMANN is mentioned in Bureau letter dated April 11, 1944 to the office of the Legal Attaché, London, England, enclosing a document entitled "Enemy Intelligence Activities in Portugal". He is described as an agent of Eins T/LW Section of K. O. Portugal.

There is one other point which arose early in the history of instant case which I desire to clarify. While in London, England I learned from the office of the Legal Attaché there that the confusion concerning the cover address in Oporto, Portugal given to PEASANT was laid at my door by the British authorities in London. The authorities there indicated that the address AUGUSTO STRECHT, Rua Ribeiro Boavista 285, Oporto, Portugal, was received from me following an interview with PEASANT. This statement is not true. PEASANT was never interviewed in detail by me as can be seen from my communication #11 dated October 1, 1943. In this communication [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I thought it desirable to clarify this allegation which was completely unfounded.

An early acknowledgement as to the policy to be followed in this case in the future with the British authorities would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS A. FLINN

L. A.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Lisbon, Portugal

February 9, 1945

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Communication No. 942.

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Attention: SIS European Desk

Director, FBI

Re: PEASANT CASE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my communication #885 dated January 24, 1945 bearing the above caption. As pointed out in reference communication,

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Re: PEASANT CASE

Letter to the Director
February 9, 1945

It will be noted [redacted]

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No further action is being taken in this case until such time as the Bureau makes a statement of policy on the basis of the facts outlined in my referenced communication. Information [redacted]

[redacted] be forwarded to the Bureau in the meanwhile (S)

Very truly yours,

Dennis A. Flinn
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Date: March 31, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE

Please refer to Bureau radiogram of March 27, 1945 requesting that it be determined whether Acacio Strecht was employed at the Portuguese Consulate in Rio de Janeiro.

Information has now been received from Lisbon which positively establishes Strecht as a German agent. In December, 1944, the British furnished evidence to the Portuguese police which resulted in the arrest of Mario Ferreira Pinheiro, Oporto, Portugal. Pinheiro admitted that in June, 1941 he was invited to join the "Information Department" of the Germans by Willy Stueve, Jr. (Wilhelm Stueve), Oporto, Portugal. He agreed and subsequently handled German propaganda. In June, 1943, he was visited in the German Propaganda Office by a Mr. Hamann who asked him to give information concerning airplanes flying over that part of Portugal. He agreed and received 800 escudos per month. Pinheiro then stated he met Luis Carvalhal and Strecht Ribeiro who worked respectively in the Inspection of Radio Permits and as employee of the Municipal Council. He asked them if they would be interested in working, telling them he was in a position to introduce them to someone. They accepted and he introduced them to Hamann. He was told they were to hand in reports to him which he was to pass on to Hamann, and Pinheiro states he refused this and said they were to contact Hamann directly or hand reports through any other source. He claims he does not know of the details of the talks between Hamann, Carvalhal and Strecht. He stated his work for Hamann was very insignificant "even before June and practically speaking limited itself to the taking out of a passport for Brazil in the name of Strecht".

Hamann is Friedrich Wilhelm Hamann, who handled Peasant after his arrival in San Sebastian, Spain and later in Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon later advised that the British had checked Carvalhal and Strecht and learned that neither are presently employed at the "G. P. O. or in the Emissora Nacional"; that

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Carvalhal's Christian name is Armando, not Luis, and he is now employed in

Oporto, Portugal by the Secretariat of the Frado do Reponso Cemetery. It was stated Strecht Ribeiro's full name is Acacio Strecht Ribeiro and that he is the

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✓ brother of Dr. Carlos Augusto Strecht Ribeiro of the faculty of Medicine, Oporto University. It was stated that Strecht "is now in Rio to which town his correspondence is sent c/o Portuguese Consulate in that city". X

It is therefore evident that even if Strecht is not working at the Portuguese Consulate in Rio, he is receiving his mail at the Portuguese Consulate in Rio and that evidently the Germans have sent at least one telegram to him at that address. Strecht is being placed on the Special Watch List with his address c/o Portuguese Consulate, Rio de Janeiro. If possible, a copy of any cables sent to him at the address should be secured by your office. (S)

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

Attached for your information are copies of two communications dated January 24 and February 9, 1945, respectively, received from the Bureau's representative at Lisbon, Portugal, concerning Acacio Augusto Strecht Ribeiro. ~~(S)~~

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February 10, 1945

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Director, FBI

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Re: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 2, 1945, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; PAT J.; ESPIONAGE - G, requesting information in connection with the coverage of mail boxes and other mail addresses used in espionage cases in this district.

In this case information has been received by the Bureau that a letter has been transmitted to the informant, GOLDSCHMIDT, in care of the Governor Clinton Hotel in New York City. Arrangements have been perfected through Mr. CHARLES PETERS, the Assistant Manager of this hotel, whereby a special box is maintained for Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT, and he has been requested to advise this office telephonically in the event any communication for GOLDSCHMIDT is received. In further pursuance of this coverage Mr. PETERS is contacted daily in connection with the possible receipt of this letter. To date there has been no indication at the hotel that this letter has been received.

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Very truly yours,
C. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
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February 22, 1945

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MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

RE: HELMUTH SIEGFRIED GOLDSCHMIDT
aka, PEASANT
ESPIONAGE - G

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd *✓* 1945
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beaman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from National Censorship, Washington, D. C. on February 7, 1945.

- Q28 Envelope with typewritten address "A. Goncalves Caixa Postal 135 Oporto Portugal", printed return address ~~INTEROCEAN CHEMICAL AND MINERALS CORPORATION~~ 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 5, N. Y." postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y. JAN 29 8 PM 1945".
Q29 Accompanying typewritten letter dated "January 29, 1945" beginning "Dear Mr. Goncalves: For this customer we ordered:", bearing handwritten illegible signature.

No conclusion could be reached as to whether the signature appearing on specimen Q29 was prepared by any of the writers of the previously submitted handwriting in this case as the signature is not sufficiently comparable.

The above listed evidence, Q28 and Q29, was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File but no identification was effected. Suitable photographic copies of this material will be added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q28 and Q29 were examined for code or cipher, but none was found.

The above specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

The original evidence, Q28 and Q29, was returned to National Censorship, Washington, D. C. on February 9, 1945, photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

Addendum: Specimens Q28 and Q29 were returned to Supervisor W. M. Felt for appropriate disposition on February 9, 1945. Photographic copies of Q28 and Q29 are attached hereto for inclusion in the Bureau's files.



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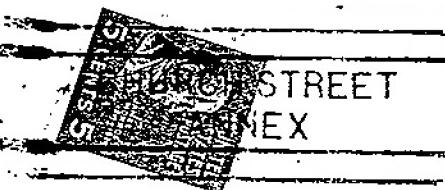
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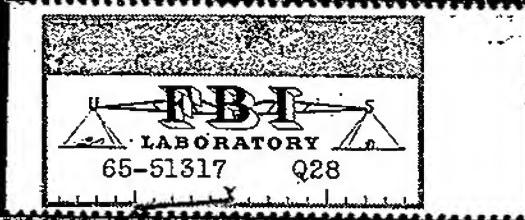


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120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.



A. Goncalves
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DATE 07-21-2009 BY 60322 UC LP/PLJ/LCW

January 29th, 1945

A. Goncalves
Cajma Postal 135
Oporto
Portugal.

Dear Mr. Goncalves:

Re: Order Arturo Paiva, taken
over from Barbosa & Mendes
& Felix da Costa, your cable
November 2nd. 44

For this customer we ordered:

Thick Assortment: 150 cartons Zitti

150 cartons Macaroncelli

200 cartons Spaghetti

Soupdough : 500 cartons assorted, Ditali, Ricate, Ditalini,
Tubetti, Tubettini, Anelli, Acini de Pepe and Orzo.

Today we hear from our supplier that it would take some months until
he would be able to ship this assortment but that he could ship in
time if it would be possible to change this assortment to shortcut
Macaroni.

Please cable us on receipt of this letter if the customer agrees in
which case he would have to also amend the letter of credit
accordingly.

We expect your cable and are

very truly yours

Interocean Chemical and Minerals Corpor

Arthur Gruenesbaum

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February 19, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1945.

The first portion of your letter deals with Peasant's "dilemma" resulting in part from the "action of JCS in repudiating traffic which it had previously approved." It is unfortunate, of course, that Peasant was committed to traffic which cannot now be sent for security reasons. It is not believed, however, that this is material to the successful operation of this case, particularly in light of incoming message number thirty-four.

In the second portion of your letter you summarize the developments leading up to the present time and point out that "regardless of the desirability of switching Peasant to the Japs. . . he must extract himself from the present dilemma and resume his work on a sound basis." To permit Peasant to accomplish this, you recommend that he stay off the air and only go on if UNB has traffic to send.

The most important objective under existing circumstances is to maintain a reasonably safe channel of communication for purposes of deception and to study the modus operandi of the German Intelligence System. This can best be accomplished by preparing traffic for each Saturday until a definite break in this case is reached. To adopt for Peasant an attitude such as you suggest in an attempt to "convince the enemy. . . that he is genuine" "even at the risk of dropping out of the espionage picture completely" is to favor one consideration to the complete exclusion of all others. The factors which must be considered are many and each must be modified somewhat so that it will fit into a pattern composed of all the factors involved, each occupying positions of relative importance.

For the above reasons, Bureau letter dated February 8, 1945, was sent to you authorizing the transmission of an administrative message on Saturday, February 10, 1945.

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Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
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February 8, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

Because of the present state of traffic in this case brought about by the action of JCS in repudiating traffic (B-238) which it had previously approved, and also, and perhaps more important, in view of the current status of radio relations with control station ONB, it is believed advisable to summarize recent activities and exchange ideas with the Bureau with a view to resuming transmissions and keeping Peasant on the air right up to cessation of hostilities with Germany and possibly thereafter, or better still continuing the circuit with the Japanese as principals of Peasant.

This seems particularly desirable when it appears that Germany may be near collapse, and the possibility exists that radio exchange may well become impossible in the near future. It is highly important that Peasant make the correct move at this time when every effort should be made to switch Peasant to the Japanese or at least have him available for such purpose in the event the Germans should themselves decide to suggest such a move. However, regardless of the desirability of switching Peasant to the Japs, I feel he must extract himself from the present dilemma and resume his work on a sound basis, and that this must be done even at the risk of dropping out of the espionage picture completely. I do not mean that Peasant should remain adamant and assume a character who is steadfast to an announced plan or who will refuse to budge from a stand he has taken. In his living role as a German or Dutch Jew he would be expected to be unscrupulous, vacillating, and subject to persuasion. However, I feel in this instance he must convince the enemy, German or Jap, that he is genuine, and to do this, we must assume the risk it entails.

I understand that Lieutenant Commander NELSON of JCS has verbally indicated there is good reason to believe the enemy has faith in Peasant and has passed information furnished by Peasant to the Japanese. Although this is highly gratifying, I am afraid it comes a bit late in this instance and does not alter the fact that Peasant is confronted with a difficult problem and must extricate himself from this situation with the full confidence of

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Director

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his principals. The real danger is that the enemy may believe or suspect that Peasant is controlled. If he is able to surmount the present test, we may be in the position of feeling he has established himself, and we may be convinced that the Germans are and have been fooled completely. I believe this is the most important thing to consider in this case, and the fact that Lieutenant Commander NELSON now tells us Peasant had the confidence of the Germans is not sufficient to allow Peasant to resume his transmissions without making a serious effort to obtain the money which he has demanded of the enemy. If Peasant allows himself to be bluffed in this instance, we may never feel certain that the enemy was not the one who was running this case, at least from this date on. As indicated hereafter, it appears more than likely that Peasant is being subjected to a period of testing, and I think it highly probable that the enemy may be somewhat suspicious at this time.

In order that the complete picture of recent developments may be available, I am setting forth what has occurred in considerable detail.

On November 30, 1944, a letter was addressed to the Bureau submitting five messages based upon a news article in the Washington Post of November 28, 1944, outlining in considerable detail the disposition of the Allied armies on the Western Front, identifying the Army groups and setting forth the identities of the various divisions comprising such groups. In this regard, it was suggested that if the messages were approved the first of such messages might be transmitted on December 5, 1944, in order to see if the enemy was interested in the material.

Although this traffic was suggested for December 5, 1944, the Joint Chiefs of Staff did not approve the message for some two weeks, such approval being reflected in Bureau letter of December 15, 1944, which was only some two days before Marshal RUNDSTEDT began his winter offensive in the Ardennes. Because of this offensive and the nature of the information contained in B-238, the message was not transmitted immediately despite the fact that JCS had given approval, and it was not until December 23, 1944, that the first portion of the message was sent as a feeler in the following form.

OUTGOING 67, 68
(B-238-A and Administrative)

December 23, 1944

WAR DEPARTMENT HAS REVERSED POLICY AND PUBLISHED IDENTITY OF ALLIED ARMY GROUPS AND NUMBERS OF DIVISIONS IN THE LINE ON WESTERN FRONT. ARE YOU INTERESTED? I SEND YOU MOST CORDIAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR. WILL NOT LISTEN ON DECEMBER 26. WILL RESUME DECEMBER 28.

Director

February 8, 1945

ONB responded to this message immediately although contact was delayed due to the fact that Peasant did not plan activity because of the Christmas holidays and also because of bad atmospheric conditions. Nevertheless, in their next message, ONB stated the following:

INCOMING 29

December 30, 1944

RE YOUR INTERESTING MESSAGE #67. HOW ARE THE ACCOUNTS ASCERTAINED AND WHERE PUBLISHED? REPORTS CONCERNING TROOPS EMPLOYED, TROOP MOVEMENTS, AND NEW TROOPS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT VERY IMPORTANT. STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND CAREFUL VERIFICATION EXTREMELY NECESSARY #29.

It was apparent that the Germans were interested in the substance of the news clipping, and it was believed probable they would make further requests. This matter was discussed with the JCS representative, and effort was apparently made to discourage further traffic on the subject in the form of a message suggested by JCS, and furnished the Washington Field Office by Bureau letters dated January 6 and 11, 1945, which is quoted hereafter and was transmitted on January 13, 1945.

OUTGOING 86, 87
(B-259)

January 13, 1945

CONCERNING YOUR 29 AND MY 67 THE INFORMATION I HAVE CAME FROM WAR DEPT. RELEASE PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON POST ON NOVEMBER 28. NO FURTHER RELEASES WERE PUBLISHED. IT IS RUMORED HERE THAT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER WHO RELEASED THE INFORMATION WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE TROOPS ON DECEMBER 1. I PREPARED SUMMARY SHOWING INDICATED TOTAL STRENGTH OF VARIOUS ARMIES BUT DETAILED ACCOUNT TOO LONG TO SEND BY RADIO. ADVISE. WILL TRY FOR CONTACTS FOR THE TYPE OF INFORMATION OUTLINED IN YOUR #29.

At the time this message was sent, I still believed the enemy would not be satisfied, and I also felt that national security required that JCS be specifically shown the clipping which was the basis of the approved messages, and that JCS consider the entire clipping. During the week of January 25, 1945, it was learned verbally that JCS had reversed itself and instructed that the messages approved should not be sent under any circumstances. This reversal of opinion was made in spite of the fact that ONB had been told that we had the publication listing the Army groups and the numbers of the divisions.

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Despite the above message, B-259, the enemy was not discouraged and did not lose interest in the matter, and on January 23, 1945, the last message received from ONB arrived as follows:

INCOMING 33

January 23, 1945

COURIER WHO IS UNDERTAKING TRANSMITTAL DEPARTED FROM EUROPE THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER SO THAT ARRIVAL AT P. O. BOX SHOULD TAKE PLACE ANY DAY NOW. GIVE MOST IMPORTANT DETAILS CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARMIES MENTIONED IN YOUR #87. WHAT DOES "ESTAPAS" YOUR #93 MEAN? #33.

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For sometime it had been felt that Peasant should have money from his principals to justify his continuing to work for them and also to convince ourselves that he held the complete confidence of the Germans. As early as December 18, 1944, I proposed in a letter that Peasant might risk a breakdown in the circuit by going off the air for a time until he received money. The unfortunate incident relating to the troops' identity on the Western Front described above made it appear even more desirable to attempt this logical move, and on January 17, 1945, a letter was addressed to the Bureau suggesting that Peasant inform ONB that failure to supply him with funds made it economically necessary for him to seek other work. Subsequently on Saturday, January 27, 1945, our latest message was transmitted as follows:

OUTGOING 101

January 27, 1945

HAVE STILL RECEIVED NO TRANSMITTALS. REGRET I HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY JOB IN MORNINGS UNTIL MONEY ARRIVES. WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS.

Whether by accident, coincidence or otherwise the date the above message was sent began a series of radio maneuvers which have resulted in the writing of this letter. Copies (2) of the radio log for January 27, 1945, with complete explanations of the letter signals are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau. From this log it appears that ONB came on the air as usual at 10:29 a.m., advising "QTC," that he had traffic and Peasant answered at 10:34 a.m. The control station heard Peasant and "broke" him, advising that ONB had traffic and telling Peasant to go ahead.. Peasant acknowledged this and told ONB to go ahead and send each group complete. This was in accordance with previous routine of allowing ONB to send his

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traffic first. In this instance, however, it apparently caused ONB to reflect as he said "AS AS," wait, and then to inquire "QRU," do you have anything for me? Peasant then informed ONB he had traffic, and ONB replied "go ahead." Peasant hesitated "AS AS" in order to think and then at 10:37 a.m., transmitted outgoing message 101 in accordance with instructions.

When Peasant had completed sending 101, ONB instructed him to go ahead with any more traffic he might have. Peasant advised he had nothing and told ONB to go ahead to which there was no answer. Peasant then began calling ONB who broke in and advised Peasant to wait five minutes. However, immediately thereafter ONB advised Peasant he had nothing for Peasant, and had completed his transmission. Peasant pretended not to understand, endeavoring to force ONB to send the traffic previously indicated whereupon ONB said "SRI SRI QRU QRU SKSK," meaning "Sorry I have made an error. I have nothing for you. Transmission concluded."

Several logical explanations occur as to this first day, and if viewed alone, the occurrence would cause no particular concern. I understand from numerous clews in operation the Laboratory has concluded that the enemy operates ONB as one of a large number of circuits from a huge control station similar to our own set-up with the transmitters and receivers situated some miles apart. A sound theory might be that the operator may have believed he had traffic when he started the exchange with Peasant and later discovered there was none in fact (belatedly perhaps), and at the end indicated he was in error and had no traffic for Peasant.

Another logical view suggested is that perhaps a message for Peasant was being encoded at ONB and because Peasant sent such a brief message, much shorter than usual, there was insufficient time to complete coding it before Peasant went off the air. The nature of this traffic may have been such that at a subsequent date ONB decided not to send the message.

Neither of the above theories in any way explains the subsequent actions of ONB after they had an opportunity to decode and study outgoing message 101, and it is felt that the maneuvers of ONB may well be considered independent of the exchange of signals described as occurring on January 27, 1945.

Although ONB stated on Saturday, January 27, 1945, that he had no traffic (QRU) for Peasant, he came on the air promptly the following day which was Sunday, and on the ensuing six days, January 28 to 31, 1945, and February 1 to 2, 1945, he indicated "QTC" (I have traffic for you) daily. On January 29, 1945, he also stated "QTC tomorrow." From this it was anticipated that on the following Saturday, February 3, 1945, when ONB would expect Peasant to be listening, he would have a message for Peasant. However, on February 3, 1945, he did not have such a message.

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At 10:27 a.m., on February 3, 1945, ONB came on as usual with the call letters for that day (DLA), and contrary to his usual practice did not indicate whether he did or did not have traffic. After sending call letters for a time, ONB waited only one minute, also unusual, and then repeated the letters. At 10:38 a.m., ONB assumed or had the impression that Peasant was listening and said "QSY UP," (tune frequency up higher). At 10:43 a.m., ONB again sent out the call letters for the day and gave a single "QRU," (I have no traffic for you). Thereafter at 10:50 a.m., ONB stated "QSY old," instructing Peasant to go back to his old frequency. Peasant refused to answer and at 10:59 a.m., ONB went off the air.

From the above it appears at the early stages of this exchange ONB gave Peasant every opportunity to blunder. It may be argued that ONB did not choose to risk admitting this was his motive, and this may explain the single signal "QRU" indicating belatedly that ONB had no traffic for Peasant.

Apparently ONB did not desire to give a false QTC to Peasant as this had occurred, whether intentionally or not, on the previous Saturday, and a repetition would serve to place ONB in an embarrassing position and would be bound to antagonize Peasant if he were legitimate, and to inform the Bureau or other government agency in the event Peasant were controlled.

It is, of course, not clear just why ONB sent the single QRU signal unless as an afterthought to protect themselves. A QRU signal should not have been expected to bring a response from Peasant, and except when Peasant has had traffic, he has never come on the air after receiving a QRU signal. It is not reasonable to suppose that ONB expected he would violate this unwritten safety rule merely for the sake of letting them know he was listening if they considered him entirely legitimate.

To further reflect the activity in this matter, ONB again came on the air Sunday, February 4, 1945, resuming his regular routine and again transmitted the signal QTC indicating he had traffic, and on Monday, February 5, 1945, he repeated this procedure again sending QTC signals.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1945, ONB tuned up at 10:28 a.m., and after giving his call signals "SUP" at 10:29 a.m., proceeded to send QTC signals for eight minutes which is longer than usual. At 10:41 a.m., he repeated the same thing for four minutes. At 10:48 a.m., he assumed Peasant was answering and indicated there was interference and instructed Peasant to raise his frequency a little. At 10:52 a.m., he said "PSE CALL" meaning "please call" which is very unusual, and followed this by stating "HR QTC QTC" meaning "here, I have traffic." At 10:58 a.m., he closed "QTC TMW" meaning "I have traffic for you tomorrow."

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This unusual series of signals might well be construed as indicating ONB was very seriously trying to resume contact and induce Peasant to answer.

Inasmuch as Peasant had no traffic for ONB on Saturday, February 3, 1945, or any succeeding day, I believe he acted wisely in refusing to be drawn on to the air by the actions of ONB. It seems to me that the action of ONB since he received outgoing 101 cannot be attributed to chance or to the idiosyncrasies of new or unskilled operators. It appears to Peasant that the same operator (or operators) is handling the key, and the various moves outlined in this letter seem to be studied and planned. The only safe conclusion I can reach is that for some reason or other Peasant is being subjected to a period of testing although the enemy still has considerable "to lose," and hesitates to risk dropping Peasant.

As the case now stands, Peasant must either maintain his bluff to the bitter end or until some break in the case appears or else "crawl back" to the enemy with a corresponding loss of prestige. If the Germans have really had faith in him and have passed his information along to the Japs at face value, I believe we will be able to ascertain this fact by having Peasant stick it out. I also doubt very much in such case that ONB will go off the air, and in this event we would actually be in communication with the enemy should hostilities cease abruptly.

On the other hand, if Peasant exhibits an urgent desire to resume service for the enemy without achieving a payment in hand, this fact alone would appear highly suspicious to any reasonable person. Peasant is not the type of individual expected to assume the role of a patriot, and the only reasonable conclusion the enemy could draw would be that he is either controlled or a very foolish man.

In view of the data set forth above, the following suggestions are made.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On Saturday, February 10, 1945, unless ONB indicates he has traffic "QTC," I believe Peasant should again refuse to acknowledge the signal of the control station.

2. Even though ONB should indicate that he has traffic for Peasant, I recommend that Peasant compel ONB to transmit his message and to inform ONB that Peasant has no traffic on this date. (Peasant might indicate at the conclusion of the exchange that he will listen on Saturday next.)

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3. In the event ONB has traffic for Peasant and the Bureau should feel that Peasant must send something in order to keep the exchange of messages active for the record, then I suggest that a message be sent by Peasant which is purely administrative in character and deals mainly with the matter of money, as money is the whole crux of Peasant's controversy with his principals. In this case the following is suggested as a suitable message but is not being submitted at this time as a message for February 10, 1945.

NEW POSITION UNDERTAKEN HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE MESSAGES FOR YOU. I AM WILLING TO RESUME BUT MUST RECEIVE MONEY BEFORE LEAVING NEW JOB. WILL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY MONEY IS RECEIVED.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to advise immediately concerning its wishes in the present case and particularly regarding its desires in connection with traffic for February 10, 1945.

Very truly yours,


GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures - 2

The following is the operational log of the QNB circuit for January 27, 1946.

CONTROLS:

1429 DASI (FPT) 07C

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1434 ORL (RPT)

CONTROLS

1436 PENTAGON QSA 4 QTC GA. (Control station heard the answer and "broke" him and advised that he was hearing Peasant with good signal strength, and that he had traffic. He advised Peasant to "go ahead".

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1425 OK OK QSZ QSZ ^{GIVE EIGHT} XI (Alright; please send each group complete. Go ahead.)

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1636 AS AS (Wait.)

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1435 AG AG (5 VIII VIII.)

CONCLUDING

1436 QRT E (Do you have anything for me? Go ahead.)

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1436 QSC QSC (I have traffic for you.)

CONTROLS

1438 GA (Go ahead.)

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1436 AS AS (Watt)

CONTROL

1436 E. (Go ahead)

ANSWER:

1437 (Peasant sent message #101 in accordance with instructions from his control station.)

CONTROL:

1443 R R GA (O.K., O.K., Go ahead with any more traffic you may have.)

ANSWER:

1443 QEU QEU KK (I heva nothing for you. Go ahead.)

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CONTROL: (No answer)

ANSWER:

1443 ORL ORL ORL (Control broke)

CONTROL:

1444 DAN (RPT) OK OK AS 8 AS 5 (Here the control station is calling Peasant and advises him that he is hearing his signals satisfactorily and instructs Peasant to wait for five minutes.)

ANSWER:

1444 OK OK KK (Alright. Go ahead.) ^{9/11/1964}

CONTROL:

1444 QMU QMU SK (I have nothing for you. I have completed my transmission.) (It will be noted that QMB did not wait five minutes as he advised he would.)

ANSWER:

1444 Y ? KK (I don't understand you. Go ahead.) (Peasant is questioning QMB's failure to transmit the message previously indicated.)

CONTROL:

1445 SRI SRI QMU QMU SK SK (Sorry, I made an error. I have nothing for you. I am concluding my transmission.)

ANSWER:

1445 BR SK (I am concluding my transmission.)

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PEASANT CARD

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BY SPECIAL REQUEST

The following messages have been received from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and are authorized for transmission to ONE:

E-344: HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NAVIGATION OF AIRPLANES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

E-345: WE FRICK SAID THAT CHRYSLER IS BUILDING PARTS FOR B-29 IN SEVERAL FACTORIES BUT THE PRINCIPAL FACTORY IS IN SOYTO AT FORTY NINE IMPORANT SUB-ASSEMBLIES ARE PRODUCED.

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SAC, Washington

February 19, 1945

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Peasant Case

Attention: M. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

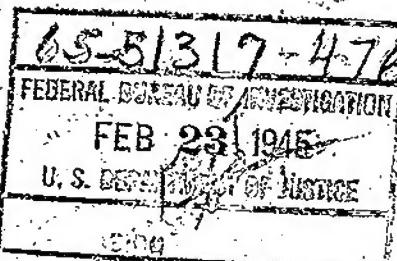
Radio contact was established with GNB, February 17, 1945, and Bureau messages #103 and #104 were transmitted, and control message #35 was received.

The control station continued to transmit his call letters daily, indicating that he had no traffic, through February 15, 1945. The control station was not heard February 16, 1945, and it is believed that he was not on the air on that date.

The contact on February 17 was maintained without incident. GNB voluntarily transmitted his own traffic before receiving from Peasant.

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 TO : MR. COFFEY *EW*
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There are forwarded herewith, to be filed in the Investigative Files of the above case, all the original notes comprising the operational logs of the ONE circuit, for the period from January 11, 1945, through February 17, 1945, inclusive.

Attachments

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D-30185 AT
SP-135 BP
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MEMORANDUM - LABORATORY REPORT

Re: Hellmut Siegfried Goldschmidt
also known as Peasant
Espionage - G

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of National Censorship, Washington, D. C. on January 24, 1945.

- Q24 Airmail envelope with typewritten address "Snr. Raymundo Antonius de Azevedo, 340 Montgomery St. YMCA Syracuse, N.Y. U.S.A." and typewritten return address on reverse side "Dr. Azevedo Caixa Postal 1717 Rio" postmark illegible.
Q25 Accompanying five coupons bearing heading "COUPON-REPONSE INTERNATIONAL" dated "6 JAN 1945".
Q26 Accompanying picture post card of RIO DE JANEIRO-PRAIA LEBLON.
Q27 Accompanying typewritten letter in foreign language dated "Rio, 11; 1; 945" beginning "De 8 de Dezembro a 24 do mesmo..." and ending "...com um grande." bearing handwritten postscript and signature "Papi"

As the result of a search in the National Security File it was found that the Laboratory had previously encountered the type of coupons contained in specimen Q25. The previously submitted coupons are found in specimen Q18 of the case entitled "Letter from Ber/SS/ 9930/43, De Raeymaeker, Estoril, Portugal" to "Monsieur and Madame De Reul, Brooklands 6, Bronxville, New York", Bureau File #100-187325. Specimen Q18, file #100-187325, was submitted to the Laboratory by the Office of National Censorship on September 18, 1943.

Specimens Q24 and Q27 were searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File without effecting an identification. Suitable photographic copies of this material will be added to this file for future reference and comparison.

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It was concluded that the questioned typewriter used to prepare specimens Q24 and Q27 was not used to prepare any of the previously submitted typewriting on specimens Q4, Q5, Q6, Q9, and Q11. Specimens Q4 and Q5 were submitted by the Office of National Censorship in connection with this case on February 8, 1944. Specimen Q6 was received in the FBI Laboratory from the Office of National Censorship on October 18, 1944 in connection with the above case. Specimen Q9 was submitted by the Office of National Censorship in connection with this case on October 27, 1944. Specimen Q11 was received in the FBI Laboratory from the Office of National Censorship on January 25, 1945.



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No conclusion could be reached as to whether the handwriting appearing on specimen Q27 was written by the persons who prepared the handwriting appearing on specimens Q10, Q11, Q15, Q19 through Q23, the signature on Q4 and Q18, and the handprinting appearing on specimens Q13, Q18 and the secret ink handprinting on Q9. Specimen Q10 was received in the FBI Laboratory from the Office of National Censorship on October 27, 1944 in connection with the above case. Specimens Q13 and Q15 were submitted by the Office of National Censorship in connection with this case on January 3, 1945. Specimen Q18 was submitted by the Washington Field Office in connection with this case on January 8, 1945. Specimens Q19 through Q23 were submitted by the Office of National Censorship, Washington, D. C. in connection with this case on January 16, 1945.

It was concluded that the handwriting appearing on specimen Q27 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the handwriting appearing on Q7, Q8, and Q12. Specimen Q12 was submitted by the Office of National Censorship in connection with this case on January 3, 1945.

Specimens Q24 through Q27 were examined for the presence of code and cipher messages with negative results. Mention of the remittances of coffee, cigars, and chocolate which have appeared previously in letters to the addressee may have a possible double meaning significance, but no interpretation can be made at the present time. A translation of specimen Q27 is attached hereto.

An examination was made of the picture post card, Q26, for the presence of photographically concealed messages, with negative results.

No secret ink was found on these specimens.

The original evidence, Q24 through Q27, was returned to the Office of National Censorship on January 29, 1945; photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

ADDENDUM: Specimens Q24 through Q27 were returned to Supervisor Harvey L. Davis on January 29, 1945 for appropriate disposition. It is to be noted that an extension of two days was obtained by the cryptographic examiner so that a more thorough examination could be made of this evidence. Attached hereto are photographic copies for inclusion in the Bureau's files.

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Memorandum-Laboratory report D-30185 AT - SP-135 BP - PC-11404 AZ - CR-7528 RA

JP Hanatty Jr

B/12

Rio, 1/11/1945

Dear Baby.

From December 8 to the 24th of the same month we have received only two letters from you, of those dates.

Besides these, we received your greeting card for Christmas.

You are a little lazy; happily, the cause of this laziness is not illness, - this (is) the fear which assails us because of the delay of news from you. Now since we have received yours of 12/24/1944, these fears are banished.

Day before yesterday, mama wrote you in English, due to this letter you are, of course, acquainted with the news from here.

You should also know of the shipment of 490 grams of our good Brazilian coffee which we made you; we sent chocolate and cigars by Domicio, which should also have arrived.

All of this (is) little, since it is not possible to send appreciable quantities the surcharge weight of such makes the freight costs such as to discourage whatever desire we may have felt to send you remembrances from the Land of Brazil.

We also sent you the shield with the emblem of Brazil; we hope that everything went well and you soon write acknowledging receipt of the remittances made.

Our Christmas was the customary one; we toasted your health wishing you all happiness. We had, as always a small tree well lighted by the light of a great many candles. Father Christmas was represented as usual by his presents. Unhappily yours, coffee and cigars, did not arrive in time for the holidays, however, although delayed, they should give you pleasure.

We also wrote together a holiday greeting card with designs sketched by Joel. But here we repeat once more our earnest desire that this year may be completely happy for you, and, may God grant that men may achieve the peace which the whole world wants.

Now that the time for your return is drawing near, you should abandon your laziness* and make your letters more frequent, as before.

We hope that the Christmas turkey was good and that you found good wine from Portugal since, in truth, the wine is worthy company for a good turkey.

With regard to the presents or remembrances that you intend to bring from the United States, you shouldn't worry, since, we know about the difficulties you will surely meet in bringing any object whatsoever out of the country especially in these difficulty times when everything is for the war effort.

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Perhaps mamma will have some suggestion to make you about this; she is in Morro Azul where she has been since December 29. The climate is very good for her due to the low temperature in contrast to the heat in Rio.

I have gone there on Saturdays returning ~~the following~~ ^{Monday} day. Unfortunately I cannot stay longer, but a little is better than nothing.

Next Saturday I shall take her your last letter, of December 24, which will give her great pleasure, since she was beginning to be uneasy over the delay of news from you.

Leni still hasn't married; as she is a minor and her own parents are not living, her "license" has been delayed for the realization of her "qualification for marriage".

You know how we have this cursed system of "papelorio" here.

Everything is made difficult, since the "official world" still has not comprehended that its purpose should be "to facilitate" and not "to complicate".

For this same reason things don't progress, they don't move, they aren't put in order, the fatal consequence being the retarding of all initiative no matter how simple it may be, many times bringing on discouragement.

Perhaps, by the end of February it will be possible to bring about this enchanted marriage.

There is no more news: so I close for this time with a big hug from your ever loving

/s/ Papi

P.S. I am enclosing an illustrated post card and five "answer coupons".

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Translated by R. Costin

January 26, 1945

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February 27, 1945

~~SECRET - AIR COURIER~~

Mr. D. A. Flinn
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal

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PEASANT CASE

Reference is made to your communications #885 and #942 dated January 24 and February 9, 1945, respectively.

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As you are aware, identification of Acacio Augusto Strecht Ribeiro resulted from the interpretation of material from [redacted]. It is possible that our identification could be attributed to a routine file check of the passenger manifest of the SS Cabo Buena Esperanzo, to his association with Antonio Almeida de Azevedo, who was previously regarded with suspicion, and finally to the information which you furnished in reference communications and which was obtained from Merio Ferreira Pinheiro.

Inasmuch as [redacted] is involved here, it is requested that you re-examine the case and advise the Bureau whether you feel that you can discuss this matter with the British without compromising our source of information.

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February 26, 1945

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Peasant Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

Radio contact was established with ONB, February 24, 1945, and Bureau messages #105, #106 and #107 were transmitted, and the control station indicated that he had no traffic.

Throughout the past week the control station has continued to transmit his call letters and indicate that he had no traffic daily.

The contact on February 24 was maintained without incident.

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For your information, the following message has been authorized for transmission:

WAVE FRIEND ADVISES 30 NEW FLEET CARRIERS REQUIRING
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PEASANT CASE. (HILMUTH SIEGMUND GOLDSCHEIDT, INFORMANT), ESPIONAGE - G. BUREAU OPERATING NATIONAL DOUBLE AGENT WHO IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE JOB SHELL OIL COMPANY, WASHINGTON, D.C. FOREIGN PRINCIPALS THIS FAR UNABLE TO FURNISH DISBURSEMENT FOR WORK. THEY HAVE SUGGESTED BY SECURIT COMMUNICATION THAT PEASANT SHOULD SUGGEST MEANS OF SAFE PAYMENT FROM BRAZIL. UNDERSTAND THESE MEN, GEORGE W. BRUTLEY, TEXO OIL COMPANY, VINCENT ANDERSON, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF BRAZIL, AND CYRILLO V. NAVE, ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY, ARE COOPERATIVE WITH YOUR OFFICE. SUGGEST ONE OF THREE SELECTED BY YOU BE APPROACHED AND INFORMED BUREAU OPERATING IMPORTANT NATIONAL INTEREST CASE. IF HE IS WILLING TO COOPERATE, AN INDIVIDUAL WILL CONTACT HIM AND STATE HE HAS A PACKAGE FOR H. IN THE STATES. FOR HIS INFORMATION, H. IS THE MANAGER OF SHELL OIL COMPANY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WHOSE REAL NAME IS HAL B. HIGH. OBTINISIBLY ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS ABOVE SELECTED BY YOU WILL HAVE ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES COMING TO THE UNITED STATES BRING THE PACKAGE WITH HIM. IN READING THE PACKAGE IS TO BE KEPT AT YOUR OFFICE UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. THE TRANSACTION

Mr. Tolson BETWEEN YOUR OFFICE AND THE PERSON YOU SELECT TO RECEIVE THE PACKAGE SHOULD BE

Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg _____
HANDED IN SUCH A MANNER TO AVOID ANY SURVEILLANCE. FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Glavin - We are sending a radio communication to the foreign principals advising

~~Mr. LEADFIELD TELLS THE DOUBLE AGENT HAS APPROACHED HIS BOSS IN THE SHELL OIL COMPANY,~~
Mr. Nichols

Mr. TRACY TELLS HIM THAT HE HAS MONEY IN BRAZIL THAT HE IS UNABLE TO GET OUT. THE BOSSES
Mr. Tracy

~~Mr. ECKER A FRIEND OF HIS IN BRAZIL WILL GET THE MONEY OUT FOR HIM AND THE FOREIGN
Mr. Carson~~

MR. CHAPMAN
MR. PHEASANT WILL THEN BE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE MONEY IN MILLETS TO THE INDIVIDUAL

Mr. Hendon
Mr. MURKIN IN YOU, TELLING HIM IT IS FOR H. ADVISE BY MURKIN CARENAME OF PERSON

Mr. Starke
Mr. Quinn-Tamm PLACE, DATES, AND HOUR'S THAT CONTACT TO RECEIVE PACKAGE CAN BE MADE

Mr. Noasey _____
Miss Gandy _____ *3* *3*
Eveleth _____
Hoover _____

9 MAR 26 1945 Serial # 67 1935 42 A.M. Per M

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd *D.M.L.*

FROM : G. R. Levy *G.R.L.*

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
(Helmut Siegfried Goldschmidt)

DATE: March 8, 1945

GRL:CAB
65-51317

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Kohn
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Lamford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

You will recall that this is a double agent operation involving radio communication with Germany through Peasant, a notional informant. Radio contact was first established in August of 1944, and since that time we have unsuccessfully attempted to receive a remittance from Germany. The failure has been due mainly to the Germans' inability to get money into this country in order to pay Peasant.

On March 3, 1945, a message was received from Germany advising Peasant in effect that they have continuously attempted to get money to him without success and requested to know whether he had any channel whereby he could get money out of Brazil. Peasant for the lack of reimbursement had already informed the Germans that he would only be able to transmit on Saturday mornings since he had been compelled to secure a job in the mornings during the week. The Germans already are aware of the fact that he works for the Shell Oil Company in the evenings.

The Joint Security Control is now anxious to have Peasant operate his radio at least three or four times during the week and since the Germans have informed us that a payment can be made from Brazil, we are taking the following steps:

A cable is being transmitted to Rio de Janeiro, suggesting that they have a reliable contact receive the money for Peasant's boss at the Shell Oil Company and thereafter transmit it to the United States by a member of his firm. If arrangements can be made in Brazil, a radio message will be transmitted to Germany on Saturday, March 17, 1945, instructing the Germans to deliver the money to the individual selected by our representative in Rio de Janeiro.

ACTION:

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EX-31

For your approval, there is attached a cable to the Legal Attaché at Rio de Janeiro, acquainting him with the facts in the case and requesting him to advise by return cable whether an arrangement can be worked out whereby the money can be received at Brazil and thereafter transmitted to this country.

Attachment.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1945

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MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

Re: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which consists of a typewritten letter and envelope addressed to Snr. Joaquim d'Azevedo from Antonio Azevedo. This evidence was received from the Office of Censorship in Washington, D. C. on February 28, 1945.

- Q37 Airmail envelope, typewritten address "Ilmo. Snr. Joaquim d'Azevedo Freguesia de Casteloes Famalicao Minho Portugal", typewritten return address on reverse side "Remete Antonio Azevedo Praca N.S. Aparecida, 141 Olimpia E.S. Paulo Brasil", postmarked "OLIMPIA 30 1 45 S. PAULO".
Q38 Accompanying typewritten letter on small sheet paper dated "Olimpia Estado de S. Paulo 30-I-45" beginning "Mano Joaquim: Estimo que esta te va encontrar de.." bearing handwritten signature "Antonio Azevedo".

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens Q37 and Q38 was not prepared on any of the machines used to prepare the typewritten material previously examined by the Laboratory in connection with this case.

The typewriting on specimens Q37 and Q38 was searched through the appropriate section of the National Security File without effecting an identification. A representative photographic copy of this typewriting is being added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q37 and Q38 were examined cryptanalytically. The paragraph inquiring as to whether or not the letter containing the "proxy" was received may possibly have a double meaning significance; however, no definite interpretation can be made at this time. A translation of specimen Q38 is attached hereto.

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EX-6 No secret ink was found on the above specimens.

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The original evidence, Q37 and Q38, was returned to the Office of Censorship on March 5, 1945. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

ADDENDUM: The original evidence, Q37 and Q38, was returned to Mr. W. L. Davis of the Security Division on March 5, 1945 for appropriate disposition. Photographic copies of these specimens are attached hereto.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey ~~✓~~ _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Acers _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Harbo _____
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Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

W. L. DAVIS

TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

Olimpia

State of S. Paulo

1/30/45

Brother Joaquim

I hope this finds you as well as your wife and all the family in perfect health;

I and all my family are well at present, thanks be to God.

Brother Joaquim: I beg you to let me know, if you received my last air mail letter of 8/4/44, in which I sent my proxy, truly legalized, so that you might continue with the inventory and portioning.

As you see, it has already been 5 months and I do not know if it was received or if it was lost.

Without anything further, in anticipation of a prompt reply, I send regards to all as usual and to you a firm embrace from this your brother and friend

/s/ Antonio Azivedo

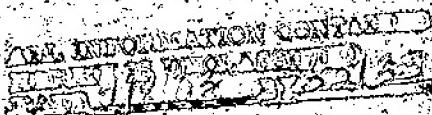
Regards from my wife, the same for all the family.

Translated by R. Costin
March 1, 1945

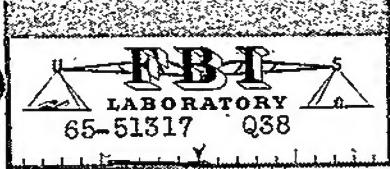
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Olimpia Estado de S. Paulo 30-I-45

Mano Joaquim:

Estimo que esta te vá encontrar de prefeita saude, bem como a tua Esposa, e todos da familia; Eu, tambem neste momento, e todos os meus ficamos bons, graças a Deus.

Mano Joaquim: Peço informar-me, se recebeste a minha ultima carta Via-Aeria de 4-8-44, na qual seguiu uma procuraçao minha, verdadeiramente legalizada, para que vocês possam dar andamento no inventario, e partilha.

Como vês, já está com 5 meses, e eu sem saber se foi recebida, ou se foi perdida.

Sem mais, na esperativa de uma resposta urgente, envio lembranças para todos como de costume, e tu recebe tambem um apertado abraço deste teu mano e amigo

(a) Lutando Preceoso

Lembranças da minha Esposa,
egualmente para todos da familia:

SAC, Washington Field

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

TELEGRAM CASE

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March 16, 1945

COMM-FBI

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CONFIDENTIAL

BY SPECIAL MESSENDER

FURTHER TO YOUR LETTER DATED MARCH 15, 1945, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GIB ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1945:

BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE WHO FLIES TO RIO WAS REQUESTED BY MY BOSS TO
ASK AN OLD FRIEND TO RECEIVE PACKAGE FOR HIM AS PERSONAL FAVOR. THIS
MAN IS MANAGER OF OIL COMPANY IN RIO. HE HAS FACILITATED TRANS-
FERS OF GUNS AND MILITARY ARTICLES IN PAST AND BOSS HAS COMPLETE
CONFIDENCE IN HIM. IF THIS MAN IS ACCESSIBLE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY
INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

Appropriate instructions will be sent to the Legal Attaché in Rio de Janeiro and he will be furnished the text of recent traffic relating to this proposed channel for payment.

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ON 1/16/03

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. T. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Peppenstorff
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

March 15, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

In connection with the present negotiations being conducted by Peasant in an effort to secure funds through someone in Rio de Janeiro, the following message is suggested as traffic for ONB on Saturday, March 17, 1945.

BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE WHO FLEW TO RIO WAS REQUESTED BY MY BOSS TO ASK AN OLD FRIEND TO RECEIVE PACKAGE FOR HIM AS PERSONAL FAVOR. THIS FRIEND IS MANAGER OF OIL COMPANY IN RIO. HE HAS FACILITATED TRANSMITTALS OF GIFTS AND PERSONAL ARTICLES IN PAST AND BOSS HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM. IF THIS MAN IS AGREEABLE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

Subsequent to the transmittal of this message and in the absence of a message from the enemy which might change Peasant's course, it is planned some day next week to send a third message advising ONB that the friend of Peasant's boss has sent word he is agreeable to accept the package and inquire if ONB can send or deliver the package (money) for "H." in personal care of WINGATE ANDERSON at his office, President Wilson Avenue 118, room 63, at the company and place mentioned in the previous message quoted above.

The Bureau is requested to contact the legal attache in Rio and give appropriate instructions in furtherance of Peasant's effort to set up a permanent channel to receive money. It is respectfully suggested Rio be furnished with copies of outgoing message #110 sent March 10, 1945, and the above message if approved.

Very truly yours,

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ON 7/8/03

Let to WJW
3-16-45

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R. Costello

SAC, Washington Field

March 13, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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This will confirm oral authorization given Special Agent H. A. Taylor
of your office, on March 9, 1945, for the transmission of the following message
to ONB on Saturday, March 10, 1945:

A-139: WAVE FRIEND INFORMED ME A COMMODORE WHO COMMANDS U.S. NAVAL GROUP
IN CHINA ARRIVED LAST SATURDAY FROM CHINKING AND HAD SEVERAL
CONFERENCE WITH HER SUPERIOR. WILL TRY TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

13 APR 1945 11:30 AM

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Attention: H. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted in the above case by the Laboratory of the Bureau.

Radio contact was established with CNS on March 3, 1945, and Bureau messages #108 and #109 were transmitted. The control station transmitted messages #36 and #37. The contact on March 3, 1945, was maintained without incident.

Radio contact was established March 10, and Bureau messages #110, #111 and #112 were transmitted. The control station indicated that he had no traffic.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Miss Dandy



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1945

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PC-12066 AZ
CR-7950 BA

MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

Re: Peasant Case

for Espionage G

ERH:AMF

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C. on February 21, 1945.

- Q35 Airmail envelope typewritten address "A. Goncalves Postbox 135 Porto Portugal", printed return address ~~INTEROCEAN CHEMICAL~~ and MINERALS CORPORATION 120 BROOKLYN NEW YORK 5, N.Y.", postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y. FEB. 16, 8:30 PM 1945".
Q36 Accompanying typewritten letter dated "January 31st, 1945" beginning "Dear Mr. Goncalves: Regarding your small insurance claim we regret to have....", bearing handwritten illegible signature.

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens Q35 and Q36 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimens Q28 and Q29 which were previously examined by the Laboratory in connection with this case. The latter specimens were received from the Office of Censorship in Washington, D.C. on February 7, 1945.

It was further concluded that the typewriting on specimens Q35, Q36, Q28 and Q29 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare the envelopes, Q193 and Q198 of the MANUEL MARTINS ESPIONAGE - G case, Bureau File No. 100-240788. Specimen Q193 was received from the Office of Censorship in Washington, D.C. on December 14, 1944. Specimen Q198 was received from the same source on December 16, 1944.

It was concluded that the typewriting on specimens Q35, Q36, Q28 and Q29 was not prepared on the typewriter used to prepare the letters Q194, Q195, Q199, and Q200 in the MANUEL MARTINS ESPIONAGE - G case, Bureau File No. 100-240788.

EX-6 ADDENDUM

The above specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

Specimens Q35 and Q36 were examined for code and cipher with negative results.

It is noted that although the letter, specimen Q36 is dated January 31, it is not postmarked until February 16. It is also noted that a previous letter between instant correspondents was examined as specimen Q194 in connection with the MANUEL MARTINS CASE (100-240788).

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ADDENDUM: The original evidence, Q35 and Q36, was returned to the Office of Censorship of the Security Division on February 24, 1945 for appropriate disposition. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are attached hereto.

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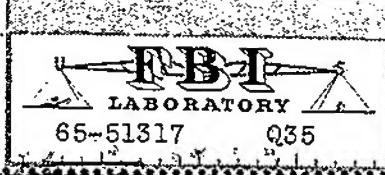
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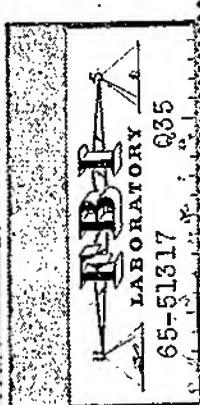
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120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

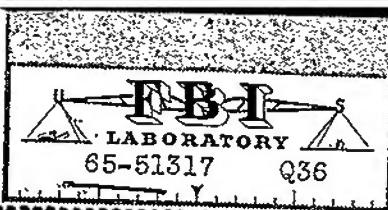


VIA AIR MAIL

A. Goncalves
Postbox 135
Porto
Portugal

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CABLE ADDRESS: CHEMINCOR
ABC CODE 5TH & 6TH EDITION
BENTLEY'S COMPLETE PHRASE CODE

INTEROCEAN CHEMICAL AND MINERALS CORPORATION
126 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

January 31st, 1945

A. Goncalves,
Postbox 135
Porto, Portugal.

Dear Mr. Goncalves:

Regarding your small insurance claim we regret to have to inform you that the Insurance Company rejected it. They wrote us as follows

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing documents in support of claim.

According to the Survey report several of the cases showed signs of having been broached with a resulting shortage of material invoiced at \$ 1.98.

Unfortunately we are unable to give this claim any consideration small as it is, for the reasons that while the policy covers the risk of theft of an entire shipping package, the insurance does not include the risk of pilfering and we have no alternative but to return the documents herewith.

We return you the documents by regular mail. Fortunately this happened with a small shipment and we are going to change the Insurance Company, so that such a thing may not happen again.

On this occasion we wish to remind you that you owe us still an amount of \$ 29.31 and we would appreciate it if you would remit us this amount.

We are

very truly yours

Intercean Chemical and Minerals Corporation

SC/ST

[Signature]
Arthur Gruenebaum



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

February 28, 1945

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MEMORANDUM - LABORATORY REPORT

RE: PEASANT CASE;
ESPIONAGE - G

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C., and forwarded to the Laboratory on February 16, 1945.

- Q30 Airmail envelope, handprinting address "Mrs. Elisa N. de Jimenez Calle Garcia de Pazades 7830 Merecha 1, Madrid, Spain", handprinting return address "Margaretha Neubauer 29 East 76 St. New York 21, New York U.S.A." postmarked "MOUNT VERNON FEB 7 630 PM 1945 N.Y."
- Q31 Accompanying first page of handprinted letter dated "New York 21, 29 East 76 Street January 28th 45", handprinting beginning "My beloved Luiusisler, I am still carrying your letter.....", beginning on reverse side "fainted. The shades....." and ending "..my letter. Last....".
- Q32 Accompanying second page of handprinted letter beginning "...Thursday Mrs Meyer called me from.....", beginning on reverse side "It was a party I never will forget. One of the.....".
- Q33 Accompanying third page of handprinted letter beginning "...And poort, poor Minnie!", beginning on reverse side "with it. She also sends you both her love.....", The bottom part of the page is handwritten, beginning "Dear Sister: I was....." bearing handwritten signature "Walther".
- Q34 Accompanying photograph of man and little boy, bearing handprinting on reverse side "FATHER AND SON JANUARY 1945 Wilson - Park Mount Vernon N.Y."

It was concluded that the envelope Q30 was written by the writer of specimen Q19. It was further concluded that specimens Q31, Q32, and Q33 with the exception of the note signed Walther on specimen Q33 were written by the writer of specimens Q21, Q22 and Q20 with the exception of the note signed "Walter, Charlie, Frankie" on specimen Q20.

It was concluded that the handprinting "FATHER AND SON, JANUARY 1945" on specimen Q34 was written by the writer of the handprinted note on specimen Q20 consisting of the words "Happy New Year and better times for all. Yours, Walter, Charlie, Frankie".

No conclusion was reached as to whether the script writing on Q34 consisting of the words "Wilson Park, Mount Vernon N.Y." was written by the writer of the previously submitted questioned writing in this case.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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It was concluded that the note on specimen Q33 signed Walther was not written by the writer of specimens Q8, Q10, or Q12. No conclusion was reached as to whether this note was written by the writer of any of the other previously submitted handwriting in this case.

The note signed Walther on specimen Q33 was compared with the National Security File without effecting an identification. A photographic copy is being added to the file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q19 through Q23 were received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C., under date of January 16, 1945. Specimen Q12 was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C. under date of January 3, 1945. Specimen Q10 was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C. under date of October 27, 1944. Specimen Q8 was submitted by the Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C., under date of October 18, 1944.

Specimens Q30, Q31, Q32, Q33 and Q34 have been examined for the presence of open code or cipher with negative results.

The above specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

The photograph, Q34, was examined for the presence of photographically-concealed messages, with negative results.

Specimens Q30 through Q34 were returned to the Office of Censorship on February 20, 1945, photographic copies being retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory.

ADDENDUM: The evidence listed above was returned to Mr. W. M. Felt of the Security Division on February 20, 1945, for return to the Office of Censorship. Photographic copies of the specimens are transmitted herewith. It is noted that an extension of one day was obtained by the cryptanalyst in order to complete the examination.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

February 22, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

There are enclosed herewith copies of several messages which are suggested as traffic for the ONB circuit. It is requested these messages be submitted to JCS for approval.

It is noted only a few messages are being submitted at this time in view of the curtailed transmissions at this time between Peasant and the control station. However, it is believed some back log should be available, and it is planned to submit several additional messages for approval of JCS in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hotel

Special Agent in Charge

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WAVE FRIEND ADVISES 30 NEW FLEET CARRIERS REQUIRING 3,000
COMBAT PLANES PLANNED FOR 1945.

Source: Washington Star, January 11, 1945

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PRODUCTION B-24 BOMBERS DISCONTINUED AT CONSOLIDATED FACTORY, FORT WORTH. THIS PLANT NOW BUILDING NEW B-32. IN PAST CONSOLIDATED CONCENTRATED ON B-24 PRODUCING OVER 4,000 THIS MODEL LAST YEAR.

Source: American Aviation, January 15, 1945, pages 28, 75.

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RE MY 11. FLYING FRIEND SAYS THIS PLANE IDENTICAL WITH
NEW DOUBLE DECK BOEING TRANSPORT CALLED STRATOCRUISER WHICH
RECENTLY ARRIVED WASHINGTON CROSSING U. S. FROM SEATTLE IN
SIX HOURS THREE MINUTES AVERAGING 383 MPH. PLANE HAS LOAD
CAPACITY $12\frac{1}{2}$ TONS AND IS POWERED BY FOUR 2,200 HP ENGINES.

Source: Washington News, January 12, 1945.

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NEW LOCKHEED FIGHTER PLANE EXPECTED TO FAR SURPASS PERFORMANCE OF P-38 LIGHTNING. IT IS RUMORED PLANE MAY BE JET PROPELLED AND HAVE SPEED EXCEEDING 500 MPH. LOCKHEED COMPANY PRODUCED OVER 5,800 P-38 AND B-17 BOMBERS LAST YEAR.

Source: Washington Post, January 8, 1945

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United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

March 1, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: Peasant Case
Espionage - G

The following two messages are submitted as traffic to be transmitted to ONE on Saturday, March 3, 1945, and will be sent in the absence of instructions to the contrary from the Bureau.

- (B-343) WPB FRIEND ADVISES THAT IN PRODUCTION ARE FOUR POINT FIVE INCH ROCKETS, SEVENTY FIVE MM RIFLE ROCKETS, FIFTY SEVEN MM RIFLE ROCKETS AND TWO POINT NINE TWO INCH BAZOOKA. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE TO HIM.
- (B-345) ALSO SAYS THAT CHRYSLER IS BUILDING PARTS FOR B-29 IN SEVERAL FACTORIES BUT THE PRINCIPAL FACTORY IS DE SOTO AT DETROIT WHERE IMPORTANT SUB-ASSEMBLIES ARE PRODUCED.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hotte
GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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cc miss Costin-Lab.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

March 9, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

The following administrative message is submitted as a portion
of the traffic to be transmitted to ONB on Saturday, March 10, 1945:

My Best
<CLOSE> FRIEND IN MY COMPANY HERE HAS AGREED TO APPROACH
A FRIEND OF HIS IN RIO TO ACCEPT MONEY FOR ME. WILL
HAVE MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.

The above message is submitted in furtherance of the plan to
attempt to open up a channel in Brazil through which Peasant may receive
a sum of money immediately in order to resume his work on a schedule of
several messages weekly, and also through which he may receive funds in
the future.

I understand that this message, if approved by the Bureau, will
be transmitted together with an additional message to be furnished by JCS.
In the event the message furnished by JCS is very brief or is not sent for
any reason, it is suggested that the following approved message be sent
along with the above administrative message:

WAVE FRIEND ADVISES 30 NEW FLEET CARRIERS REQUIRING (3)
3000 COMBAT PLANES PLANNED FOR 1945.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hotel

GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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TO : Mr. Ladd, Room 1742

DATE: March 3, 1945

FROM : E. P. Coffey

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Bureau File #65-51317

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 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Beahm _____
 Miss Candy _____

Attached hereto are the translations and decipherments of two messages received from Germany on March 3, 1945, in connection with the above entitled case.

The original translations and intercepts are being retained in the Code and Cipher File of the Laboratory.

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RE: PEASANT CASE

March 3, 1945

DECIPHERMENT:

SIND UEBER AUSBLEIBEN ZUSENDUNG EBENSO ENTSETZT WIE SIE UND ERWARTEN NOCH IMMER KLAERUNG UEBER VERBLEIG VON ZWEI TAUSEND. HABEN SIE RATSCHLAG FUER GEFAHRLOSE ZUSENDUNG? WIE KOENNEN IHREN MITTEL AUS BRASILIEN RISIKOLOS ZU GESTELLT VERDEN? NR. DREI SECHS. FTS.

TRANSLATION:

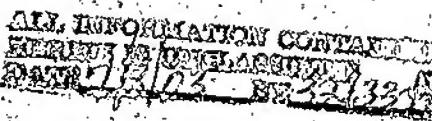
WE ARE AS AMAZED AS YOU AT FAILURE OF TRANSMITTAL TO ARRIVE AND ARE STILL AWAITING EXPLANATION OF WHEREABOUTS OF TWO THOUSAND. DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTION FOR SAFE TRANSMITTAL? HOW CAN MEANS BE SAFELY SENT TO YOU FROM BRAZIL? NO. 36. CONT.

DECIPHERMENT:

FTS. NR. DREI SIEBEN. WOLLEN SIE DEPOT AN NEUTRALEM ORT? MOECHTEN SIEHR GERN GUTEN WILLEN BEWEISEN UND SIE ZUFRIEDEN STELLEN DA BELohnung AUF JEDEN FALL ERFOLGEN SOLL.

TRANSLATION:

CONT. NO. 37. DO YOU WANT DEPOSIT IN (A) NEUTRAL COUNTRY? WE SHOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO PROVE (OUR) GOOD WILL AND MAKE YOU SATISFIED SINCE RECOMPENSE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN ANY CASE.



63-37317-492

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the source of this information.

ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 20, 1945

RECORDED 10:15 A.M.

EX-505-51317-493
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Mr. H. M. Clegg

Transmit the following message to: The American Embassy
URGENT RADIOTEL
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
IN CIPHER PAD

PEASANT CASE, DESPATCH - G. - REFERENCED BUREAU RADIOGRAM (ACT 10 AND
YOUR BURG MARCH 12 INSTANT. ON MARCH 16 THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS COMMUNICATED
TO GERMANY QUOTE BY BOSS HAS AGREED TO APPROACH FRIEND OF HIS IN RIO TO ACQUA
IMENT FOR ME. WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS NEXT TIME UNQUOTE. FOLLOWING MEMO WAS
SENT TO CHIEF ON MARCH 17 QUOTE BOSS ACQUAINTANCE WHO PLANS TO RIO WAS REQUESTED
BY MY BOSS TO ASK AN OLD FRIEND TO DELIVER PACKAGE FOR HIM AS A PERSONAL FAVOR.
THIS FRIEND IS MANAGER OF OIL COMPANY IN RIO. HE HAS FACILITATED TRANSMISSIONS
OF GIFTS AND FUTROVAL ARTICLES IN PAST AND BOSS HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM.
IF THIS MAN IS ACCESSIBLE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY INFORMATION IS RECEIVED UNQUOTE.
SUBSEQUENTLY, WARD AND ADERSON WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO QUITTY WITH
ADVICE ANDRONOFF WILL ACCEPT PACKAGE. SUBJAU RIO NOT IN TOW TO SEE EXACT FILE
AND DATE FOR CERTAIN BUT LIKELY TO ASCERTAIN ESTIMATED TIME AND DAY OF FILED WITHIN
FORTY HOURS OF ANDRONOFF. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD SENSIBILITIES OF COURSE
DELIVERING PACKAGE BE UNDERRATED. PRINCIPAL MAY CHOOSE TO DELIVER PACKAGE BY MAIL
OR MESSENGER. YOU WILL BE CURRENTLY ADVISED. REPLY BY BURG. RADIOTEL WINTER
ANDRONOFF WILL LEAVE RIO PERIODICALLY OR STAYABLY ON MAY 10, 1945 APPROXIMATELY,
DATE OF HIS EXPECTED RETURN TO RIO.

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Mr. Tracy
Mr. Vohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

SENT VIA

Per

F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 3-12-45

NR 365

7:45 PM EWT

RE PEASANT CASE. ESPIONAGE G. REFERENCE YOUR RADIogram MARCH 10, 1945. WINGATE ANDERSON, AMERICAN, MANAGER OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, AGREED TO GIVE FULL COOPERATION. CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE. FACTS OF CASE NOT DISCUSSED WITH HIM. HIS OFFICE, AVENIDA PRESIDENTE WILSON 118 ROOM 63 WILL BE MOST PRACTICAL FOR PACKAGE DELIVERING. HE WILL BE IN RIO DE JANEIRO UNTIL MAY 10. SUGGESTED THAT CONTACT TIME BE SET FOR 11:00 AM, MARCH 26. SURVEILLANCE WILL BE PLACED ON COURIER UNLESS YOU ADVISE TO THE CONTRARY.

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cc: Miss Gandy
cc: Mr. Durbin

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SAC, Washington Field
John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

PRESENT CASE

March 21, 1945

TELEGRAM

65-51317

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Pursuant to your letter dated March 21, 1945, you are authorized to transmit the following message to OMB on Thursday, March 22, 1945:

WINGATE ANDERSON HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT. ADDRESS TRANSMITTED FOR MR. HIGH CARE OF ANDERSON AT BUSINESS ADDRESS OF LATTER AVENIDA PRESIDENTE WILSON ONE ONE EIGHT ROOM SIX THREE. WHEN WILL DELIVERY BE MADE.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Lead
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. John
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Tomford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

MAIL ROOM

MAR 21 1945 P.M.

GENERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Division
March 21, 1945

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MAT:HS
65-4539

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: PEASANT CASE

Dear Sir:

The following message is suggested as traffic to be transmitted to Associate Station ONB on Thursday March 22, 1945 and will be transmitted in the absence of other instructions from the Bureau:

"WINGATE ANDERSON HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT. ADDRESS TRANSMITTAL FOR MR. HIGH CARE OF ANDERSON AT BUSINESS ADDRESS OF LATTER AVENIDA PRESIDENTE WILSON ONE ONE EIGHT ROOM SIX THREE. WHEN WILL DELIVERY BE MADE."

It is noted that in the original Bureau instructions the Legal Attaché at Rio de Janeiro indicated that if a willing individual could be located the package would be delivered for "H" in the States. Whereas the above message suggests that the Germans deliver the package for Mr. HIGH. In the event the Bureau should approve the above message as presently written it is suggested that the Legal Attaché in Rio be furnished the text of the above radio message and his instructions be changed so that Mr. ANDERSON may accept a package or envelope addressed to Mr. HIGH in his care.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel
GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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MAT:HS
65-4539

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 21, 1945

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 7, 1945 requesting advice concerning the check made by this office on Post Office Box 1052 Main Post Office, Washington, D.C. which is being maintained by PEASANT as a Post Office address.

Since January 1, 1945 this box has been checked daily by Special Agents EDWARD GRAMPP and WALTER G. BLACKBURN. This check is made by the two agents mentioned as part of their daily routine in connection with other duties at the Main Post Office. On week days Agents GRAMPP and BLACKBURN each check the box on five occasions and on Sundays and holidays the box is checked by each agent once during the day.

Post Office Box 1052 is situated in the center of the long hall on the first floor of the Main Post Office. It has a glass door and the inside of the box is clearly visible. Agent GRAMPP rented the box on behalf of PEASANT and personally retains the key.

Although the Post Office box is checked a number of occasions each day as indicated the log maintained since receipt of the Bureau letter sets forth only a single check daily for reasons of convenience.

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SAC, Washington

March 19, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: M. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

Radio contact was established with ORB on March 17, 1945, and Bureau messages #113 and #114 were transmitted. The control station indicated it had no traffic.

Radio conditions were poor, and some difficulty was encountered in completing the transmission.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

March 20, 1945

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 65-51317

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D-32911 AT
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MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

RE: PEASANT CASE

Brazil ESPIONAGE - G

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which consists of an envelope and letter addressed to Sr. Antonio Azevedo from P. A. Santos. This evidence was received from the Office of Censorship in Washington, D.C. on March 6, 1945.

- Q39 Airmail envelope handwritten address "Sr. Antonio Azevedo, Garage Azevedo, Rua Gazo Continho 56, Largo do Machado, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil", handwritten return address on reverse side "P. A. Santos Sherman Square Hotel Broadway - 70 - 71st St., New York - U. S. A.". Postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y. FEB 27 12:30 PM 1945 S.T.A.G.".
Q40 Accompanying handwritten letter dated "New York. 24 - 2 - 45", beginning "Querido Sr. Azevedo.....", beginning on inside "...o que si precio, yoais.....".
Q41 Accompanying second page of handwritten letter "...permisrao yaara a.....", bearing handwriting along left hand margin.

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q39 through Q41 was compared with previous material of a comparable nature received in connection with this case but no identification was effected.

The handwriting on specimens Q39 through Q41 was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File without effecting an identification. Representative photographic copies of this handwriting are being added to this file for future reference and comparison.

No photographically concealed messages were found on specimens Q39 through Q41.

Specimens Q39 through Q41 were examined for code and cipher with negative results.
EX-63
Translation of specimens Q40 and Q41 is attached hereto.

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No secret ink was found on these specimens.

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The original evidence, Q39 through Q41, was returned to the Office of Censorship in Washington, D.C. on March 10, 1945. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

ADDENDUM: The original evidence, Q39 through Q41, was returned to Mr. H. L. Davis of the Security Division on March 10, 1945 for appropriate disposition. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are attached hereto.



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E. H.

TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

New York 2/24/45

Dear Azevedo and Lourdes.

That you may be well and at peace in spirit is our desire.

Maria Jose's trip with the children was finally accomplished. They arrived safely after a night in Miami which they had not expected.

After agreements and swift proceedings we secured a solution to Walter's problem, and on the 21st he matriculated for the 1st year of high school here. He was afraid of trouble but he understood the professor and solved some simple problems that were given him in order to see if it would be possible for him to matriculate.

In April when the weather is better Jose is going to kindergarten. The English one knew when he came is only enough to say what is necessary, since it takes a great deal of time to understand it here.

I am immensely happy, and still think that I am dreaming.

I was waiting until after I heard something about your order to write to you but as the answers which I requested are delayed it is no longer possible to be silent.

I have a colleague whose wife has an interest in the firm ~~Youth American Trading Co.~~, 1133 Broadway (because it can't be he), who promised to collect the necessary information. Besides he, or rather, the firm is already studying the matter so as to export ~~locomotives~~, and he knows (or you know) that there are no new ~~locomotives~~ or locomotives to be found, however (there are) re-built ones which seem new, not, however, in New York. The firm wrote to Iowa to several factories and are awaiting replies. My colleague told me that if you wish to save time you should soon procure the import permits, in conjunction with the Bank of Brazil, the above firm being exporter. Since only licensed firms (can) export my colleague says. As soon as anything arrives I will write you with the estimate.

I am very grateful to you for Maria Jose's relief. She says that Lourdes wants some orders instead of money. We are awaiting the instructions.

We won't be able to get acquainted with the city until summer since only by then will we have mastered the language better.

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Jose already can count to 20 and say some little things. Yesterday he went to sleep saying "this is a box". It is a sentence he has learned during the day.

Maria Jose will write to Loudes after taking a walk down 5th Avenue.

Regards to all your family. To you and Loudes our firm embrace.

From your friend

s/ illegible

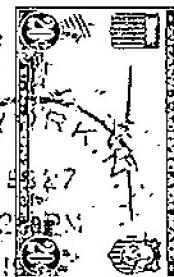
*NOTE: Material thus marked appeared in parentheses is original; other portions in parentheses inserted by translator.
Underlined portions questionable.

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LABORATORY

65-51317-39

"Written in English"

Sr. Nestorino Bzemo
Garage Bzemo -
rua gago Coutinho, 56
Bargo do Machado
Rio de Janeiro
Brazil



VIA AÉREA
PAR AVION

Remetente

Endereço:

P. R. Sautley
Thermon Square Hotel
Broadway - 70-74th St
New York - U.S.A.

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65-51317 Q40

New York. 24. 2. 45

Querida Izquierdo

Querida Izquierdo

Me diré integrar con

Querida e querida de Izquierdo. Es provo
dele.Vite apre se feiu, des-
succionou-se a viagem de Maria
Yore, com os meus. Chegaron
bem, afei, num coitado em
Miami, o que não era esperada.

Dizem de suas desordens
e legiramente ambientes, pro-
curando policiantar o problema de
Walter, e, no dia 15 quadruplicou-
se no 1º ano quinze dias (high
School) - Estava seu mundo de um
fracasso, mas, ele sentia-se o pro-
blema, e resolveu uns problemas fi-
nancieros que lhe foram dadas, para
que se perca o tempo a matriculada.
Cem alis, quando
o tempo lhe torna melhor, o que
iria para o jardim da infancia
(kids garden). O uglez que re-
traz diai nô serve para se diger

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o que se parecia, mais, para
de entender o que é preciso muito
tempo. Estava invariavelmente pa-
tigado, e ainda esperando que
estava cochilando.

Estava esperando que
escrever. Depois poder algo da sua
experiencia, mas, como estavam
muito os reportes de Frederic, não
é mais preciso o que escrever.

Enviou um colega, cuja
carreira faz parte da firma - South
American Trading - 62 - 1133 -

Broadway - (porque não pode ler),
que se identificou Collier es impor-
tante mercadoria - Alíás, ele, ou melhor,
a firma foi atendendo assunto. Para
reportar de correr, e pode ser não
existem novas em locomotivas novas,
encontrando-se, por exemplo, reformadas.
que parecem novas, mas, Frederic
em Nova York. A firma escreve
para todos os vários fabricas
e está a esperando resposta. Ele
me o colega que, se você exigir
qualquer tempo, provavelmente devo
fazer o que o Dr. James fez.

informado para o importador,
dando reportadoras de imprensa
judicadora. Para reportar, diz
o coliga, só fármaz licenciadas.
Logo elle chegar qualquer
coisa. She revererá, com o de-
corrente.

Me custou gravato a voces, pelo
desporto da Maria José. Diz ela
que a Lourdes quer umas meias
minidas, em vez do diário.
Estamos esperando as instruções.
Se não verão procederemos co-
nhecer a cidade, ate' juntar.
Só ate' lá, estaremos mais des-
saboreados na lingua.

O José já coeta. Ele diz, e
faz dizer umas coisinhas. Ontem
pensei desejado: This is a box. E
uma frieze que se prende durante
o dia.

Maria José revererá a Lourdes
depois que der um passeio pela
5ª Avenida.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

March 23, 1945

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
~~Mr. Felt~~
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn-Tanner
Mr. Edwards
Miss Candy

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

There are submitted herewith three proposed messages for the consideration of JCS as traffic to ONB. If these messages are approved, it is planned to send the first message on Saturday, March 24, 1945, and the remaining messages as soon thereafter as possible as it is hoped resumption of traffic on a schedule of three days per week may be possible in the very near future. In any event, these messages will comprise traffic for at least three transmissions to the control station.

It is requested that the Bureau consider the first message listed as proposed traffic for Saturday, March 24, 1945, and authority to transmit this message, if approved by JCS, is requested herewith.

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Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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DECLARED BY
ON 7/8/83

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LOCKHEED P-80 CALLED SHOOTING STAR IS NEWEST AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE. IT IS JET PROPELLED AND POWERED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC TURBO-JET ENGINE MANUFACTURED AT GENERAL ELECTRIC PLANT, SYRACUSE, AND BY ALLISON DIVISION, GENERAL MOTORS. PLANE AND ENGINE ARE OF SIMPLE DESIGN AND EASY TO BUILD AND REPAIR BEING PRODUCED LOCKHEED PLANTS, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA, AND NORTH AMERICAN, KANSAS CITY.
CONT.

Source: American Aviation, March 15, 1945

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✓ CONT. P-80 CLAIMED TO BE FASTEST PLANE IN WORLD YET HIGHLY VERSATILE WITH ABILITY TO CLIMB SWIFTLY, OPERATE AT ALL HEIGHTS AND WITH RECORD CEILING. ALTHOUGH SMALLER AND LIGHTER THAN CONVENTIONAL FIGHTERS P-80 CAPABLE OF HEAVY LOADS OF AMMUNITION AND BOMBS. LIKE P-38 ARMAMENT IS LOCATED IN NOSE. THIS PLANE IS FIRST FIGHTER TO HAVE PRESSURED COCKPIT. CONT.

Source: American Aviation, March 15, 1945

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MAIL ROOM

CONT. TO REDUCE AIR RESISTENCE WING HAS KNIFE LIKE LEADING EDGE AND FUSELAGE IS LACQUERED TO HIGH POLISH. RUMORED SPEED EXCEEDS 700 MPH. THIS PLANE UTILIZES STREAMLINED AIR INTAKE DUCTS LOCATED ON EACH SIDE OF FUSELAGE FORWARD OF LEADING EDGE OF WING. AIR FLOWS THROUGH COMPRESSOR INTO CHAMBER WHERE HEATED AND EXPANDED BY KEROSENE OR SIMILAR FUEL. FLYING FRIEND PREDICTS LARGE PLANES WILL USE JET ENGINES IN FUTURE INCREASING SPEED OF BOMBERS AND TRANSPORT PLANES.

Source: American Aviation, March 15, 1945

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Felt
Room 1643

March 22, 1945

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

URGENT RADIOGRAM
CIPHER PAD

PEASANT CASE. ESPIONAGE-C. REBECU BUREAU RADIOGRAM MARCH 20. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED ON MARCH 22, 1945, TO THE GERMAN CONTROL STATION. IN THIS CASE "KINGATE ANDERSON HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT. ADDRESS TRANSMITTAL FOR MR. HIGH CARE OF ANDERSON AT BUSINESS ADDRESS OF LATTER, AVENIDA PRESIDENTE VILLON 118, ROOM 63. WHEN WILL DELIVERY BE MADE?" YOUR ATTENTION IS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT THE PACKAGE WILL BE ADDRESSED FOR "MR. HIGH" INSTEAD OF FOR "M. H."

E. C. H.

A check sent

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Communication #4795
VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

ATTENTION: X SIS EUROPEAN DESK X

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

CAUTION - THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE
SENT OUT OF BUREAU HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT
THE PERSONAL APPROVAL OF MR. D. M. LADD.

Dear Sir:
There is attached hereto information obtained from [redacted]
and which has not been possible to evaluate in-
telligently. I have discussed the contents therein with [redacted]

The back traffic was also checked but the referenced
messages mentioned therein were sent by an unknown German agent over
his own transmitter and which the British do not intercept. ~~(S)~~

b7D
There is a possibility that the information contained
therein may have some connection with the BRACKX case. V-Mann 175
mentioned therein, the Bureau recalls, has also been mentioned in
the GOLDSCHMIDT case.

Since this information was obtained from [redacted]
it is urgently requested that same be treated strictly con-
fidential and not distributed to any other agency [redacted]

Pursuant to
Bureau instructions, a copy of this letter is not being retained
in the files of this office.

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JAC:UPC

Very truly yours,

CAUTION

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65-51317

SAC, Washington

March 26, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
SPECIAL MESSENGER

Pursuant to your letter dated March 23, 1945, the following message is approved for transmission to O.N.B. at the earliest date consistent with developments in this case:

B-401 LOCKHEED P-80 CALLED SHOOTING STAR IS NEWEST AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE. OFFICIALS CLAIM IT HAS RECORD PERFORMANCE INCLUDING RATE OF CLIMB, CEILING, BOMB AND AMMUNITION LOAD, AND SPEED IN EXCESS OF 700 MILES PER HOUR. HIGH SPEED IS OBTAINED BY USE OF (1) NEW AND LARGER GENERAL ELECTRIC JET ENGINE; (2) KNIFE-LIKE LEADING EDGE ON WING; AND (3) HIGH LACQUER POLISH ON FUSELAGE. AIR INTAKE DUCTS LOCATED EACH SIDE FUSELAGE JUST FORWARD LEADING EDGE OF WING. JET ENGINE IS MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AND BY ALLISON. PLANE IS MANUFACTURED BY LOCKHEED AND BY NORTH AMERICAN. LOCKHEED CLAIMS SIMPLE DESIGN FACILITATES CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR. USE OF JET ENGINES IN BOMBERS AND TRANSPORTS CONTEMPLATED. ~~(S)~~

(U) For your information the first portion of the above message down to end including "polish on fuselage" was transmitted to O.N.B. on March 24, 1945. The remainder should be transmitted to O.N.B. as early as is practicable.

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Mr. Please
Miss Candy

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ENCLOSURE

Mr ~~REGULAR~~ DAYS RETURN TO

MR. JOE M. MARI
545 EAST 139 ST.
BRONX, 54. N.Y.



~~VIA~~
~~AIR MAIL~~

SRA. FELISA JIMENEZ
CALLE M/ARRILUZE YBARRA Nº 24. 1^o
BARACALDO. VIZCAYA.

SPAIN



This envelope approved by the U. S. Post Office Dept.
for Air Mail Only. Use for other purposes not permitted.

Q43

marzo 9 1945

queridísimo tío y primos
desearnos que al resibio de esto sean
cuentren todos bien de salud la muestra
bueno - gracias adios tía resibi tu carta
la cual medio mucho alegría al ver
que resibiste el dinero bien y mi carta
pero medio pena al enterarme que tu y
el hijo pasaron pubmonio pero me alegra
que ya estan bien los dos - cuiden de
bien también me entero de bien de todo
lo que me dices en tu carta pues me
gustaria que mi madre estubiera contigo
tío pero yo creo que ello molestaría a julian
solo el pobre tan bueno que el arido con
su madre que nunca la dejado solo
aber tío si tu tienes suerte de tener
noticias de ellos porque yo entodabia
nave nado y cuando que echo los pa-
sos para saber de ellos y escrito ya
ase 4 meses e estado ^{3.} en la cruzada
si esto asiendo los pasos para

mos
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y tu
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mucho
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eres muy
buena y que toda la gente por donde
vives te quieren mucho tia dile al
primo que cuando aya la oportunidad de
el poder venir que se le traiga que tenga
paciencia que entodavios el es gobernante
y de casarse que no tengo tanto fria
que piense primero que te tiene que a
gradarte a ti que yo le llegaro un dia
tia cuantos primos y primas tengo y el
nombre de ellos que no los se todos ya
les que resibistes los retratos y que no en cuen-
tos bien, pues como es de queso mi marido
es de bueno todo lo que digo yo esto bien echo
para el, bueno tia en la otra te escribere



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 65-51317

March 29, 1945

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MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

RE: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

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Mr. Jones _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was forwarded to the Bureau by the Office of Censorship in Washington, D. C. and received in the Laboratory on March 19, 1945.

- Q42 Airmail envelope, handprinted address "Sra. Felisa Jimenez Calle M Arriluze Ybarra No. 24. 1º Baracaldo. Vizcaya Spain", handprinted return address "Mr. Joe M. Mari 545 East 139 St. Bronx. 54. N.Y.", postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y. MAR 10 6-PM 1945".
Q43 Accompanying handwritten letter on ruled tablet paper dated "marzo 9 1945" beginning "micxueridisima tia y" beginning on reverse side "aber si puedo haer ami lija en cuanto", bearing handwritten signature "Jose Mari" along top margin.

It was concluded that the handprinting appearing on specimen Q42 was not written by the individuals who prepared the handprinting on specimens Q19 through Q23 and Q30 through Q34. No conclusion could be reached as to whether the handprinting on specimen Q42 was written by the individuals who prepared the handprinting on specimen Q13 and the secret ink handprinting on specimen Q9 because these writings are not sufficiently comparable. No conclusion could be reached as to whether the handwriting and signatures on other previously submitted specimens not listed above were prepared by the writer of specimen Q42 as these writings are not sufficiently comparable.

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EX-16 attached It was concluded that the handwriting appearing on specimen Q43 was not written by any of the individuals who prepared the handwriting on specimens Q7, Q8, Q10, Q12, Q27 and the handwritten note on specimen Q33 signed "Walter" and specimens Q39 through Q41. No conclusion could be reached as to whether the handprinting and signatures on other previously submitted specimens not listed above were prepared by the writer of specimen Q43 as these writings are not sufficiently comparable.



Specimens Q7 and Q8 were received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. under date of October 18, 1944. Specimens Q9 and Q10 were received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. under date of October 27, 1944. Specimens Q12 and Q13 were received from the Office of

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Censorship in Washington, D. C. under date of January 4, 1945. Specimens Q19 through Q23 were received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. under date of January 16, 1945. Specimen Q27 was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. under date of January 24, 1945. Specimens Q30 through Q34 were received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. under date of February 16, 1945. Specimens Q39 through Q41 were received from the Office of Censorship in Washington, D. C. under date of March 6, 1945.

The handprinting on specimen Q42 and the handwriting on Q43 were searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File without effecting an identification. Representative photographic copies of these specimens are being added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q42 and Q43 were examined for possible code and cipher with negative results. A translation of specimen Q43 is attached hereto.

No secret ink was found in an examination of the above listed specimens.

Specimens Q42 and Q43 were returned to the Office of Censorship on March 22, 1945, photographic copies being retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory.

Addendum:

The evidence listed above was returned to Mr. W. M. Felt of the Security Division on March 22, 1945 for return to the Office of Censorship. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are transmitted herewith.



TRANSLATION FROM THE SPANISH

March 9, 1945

My dearest Aunt and Cousins

We hope that this finds you all in good health(.) Ours is good thanks be to God(?) Aunt, I received your letter it made me happy to see that you received the money and my letter all right but it pained me to know that you and your son had pneumonia but I am glad that both are well now. Take good care of yourselves I also was pleased with everything you told me in your letter since I should like for my mother to be with you but I don't believe that she would leave Julian alone poor fellow as good as he has been to his mother never having left her alone(.) See Aunt if you are fortunate enough to have news of them because I don't know anything at all and I was careful to take steps to find out about them and I wrote four months ago and went to the Red Cross they are taking steps to see if I can bring my daughter (here) if they can locate her being able to bring her will be easy, we shall see when I can have this happiness, aunt Ferino was home again he is a good boy and is now on a trip again he loves you very much he tells me that you are very good and that all the people where you live love you very much Aunt tell my cousin that when there is an opportunity for him to come it will bring him to have patience that he is still young and as to getting married for him not to be in such a hurry that he think first that he has to help you that his day will come Aunt how many boy and girl cousins do I have and their names since I do not know them all I see that you received the pictures and that you find them good since everything my husband does is as good as he is handsome it is indeed good of him, dear Aunt I will write you more in another letter Many kisses to my cousins and affection to you from your niece and nephew who love you truly

/s/ Adelina and Jose Mari

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

ESPIONAGE - G.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
SPECIAL ENCLER

Pursuant to your letter dated March 27, 1945, the following messages are authorized to be sent to CGO on Thursday, March 29, 1945, and on Saturday, March 31, 1945, as indicated:

To be transmitted Thursday, March 29, 1945:

HIGH AND ANDERSON BELIEVE MY LIPSY ALREADY IN BRAZIL. I HESITATE TO TELL THEM LIPSY IS IN PORTUGAL. ALSO FEAR A COULD NOT ACCEPT RISK INVOLVED IN RECORD SPACER. IN ANY EVENT I DO NOT FURNISH YOU NAME AND SPECIFIC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH A CONSEQUENTLY OF TIME COULD BE SAVED. REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY DESTROY BRITISH AGENT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. ADVISE.

Changes reflected in the above message were made at the suggestion of Bureau translators and in this regard your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated January 17, 1945, in which it is suggested that proposed messages be discussed with the translators prior to submission to the Bureau so that such last minute changes can be avoided.

To be transmitted Saturday, March 31, 1945:

B-401 CONT. P-80 HAS AIR INTAKE DUCTS LOCATED BACK SIDE WINGLETS JUST FORWARD LEADING EDGES OF WING. JET ENGINE IS MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AND BY ALISON. PLANE IS MANUFACTURED BY LOCKHEED AND BY NORTH AMERICAN. LOCKHEED CLAIMS STEPLINE DESIGN FACILITATES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAIN. USE OF JET ENGINES IN BOMBER AND TRANSPORTS CONTEMPLATED.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Division, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

March 27, 1945

Director, FBI

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RE: PEASANT CASE

Dear Sir:

There is submitted hereafter an administrative message in reply to Incoming No. 38 received from QNB on Saturday, March 24, 1945.

It is felt that WINGATE ANDERSON as a prominent businessman in Rio would not be receptive to a suggestion that he participate in a bank transaction such as suggested by the Germans. It is also believed unlikely that PEASANT would approach his boss and ANDERSON and make such a bold request upon them. For these reasons, PEASANT'S principals are being requested to continue their original plan and by inference to make contact and payment to ANDERSON in Brazil.

In view of the present war situation, it is suggested that this message be transmitted on March 29th, as was done last week, in order that the Germans may have the opportunity to make reply on Saturday of this week. It is realized this is the second successive week PEASANT has transmitted on Thursday, and thus gone outside of his announced schedule of sending on Saturday only. However, his anxiety to secure funds may be considered sufficient incentive to justify his unusual activity in the eyes of his principals. Unless the Bureau instructs to the contrary, the following message will be sent:

To be transmitted Thursday, March 29, 1945:

HIGH ANDERSON

H AND A BELIEVE MY MONEY ALREADY IN BRAZIL. I HESITATE TO NOW INFORM THEM MONEY IS IN PORTUGAL. ALSO FEAR A WOULD NOT ACCEPT RISK INVOLVED IN RECORD TRANSFER. IN ANY EVENT ^{now} I HAVE NO SAFE MEANS OF SPEEDY COMMUNICATION WITH A CONSEQUENTLY NO TIME COULD BE SAVED. REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT BRAZIL AGENT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. ADVISE. *65-51317-504*

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For Saturday, March 31, 1945, it is suggested that the remaining portion of Message B-401 be transmitted and numbered in sequence following the above message to be sent on Thursday, March 29, 1945. It is noted that the first portion of B-401 bore outgoing number 117,118, and that the proposed message for Thursday will interrupt the numerical sequence. However, it is

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believed that PEASANT would not hesitate to interrupt his numerical sequence to send a prompt answering message to the enemy proposal on the subject of money.

The following message will be transmitted to ONB on Saturday in the absence of Bureau instructions to the contrary:

To be transmitted Saturday, March 31, 1945:

CONT. P-80 HAS AIR INTAKE DUCTS LOCATED EACH SIDE FUSELAGE JUST FORWARD LEADING EDGE OF WING. JET ENGINE IS MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AND BY ALLISON. PLANE IS MANUFACTURED BY LOCKHEED AND BY NORTH AMERICAN. LOCKHEED CLAIMS SIMPLE DESIGN FACILITATES CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR. USE OF JET ENGINES IN BOMBERS AND TRANSPORTS CONTEMPLATED.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hotte
GUY HOTTEL
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March 24, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pagan Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

On March 22, 1945, radio contact was established with QNB, and Bureau messages #115 and #116 were transmitted. No German message was received.

On March 24, 1945, contact was again made with QNB, at which time Bureau messages #117 and #118 were transmitted. German message #38 was received.

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ESPIONAGE - G.

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Information has been received from [redacted] that on February 26, 1945, Friedrich Hamann, the Hamburg Eins T/LW representative stationed in Lisbon, advised his Hamburg principals that he sent a cablegram to Augusto Strecht indicating that Strecht's reports were awaited but that the cablegram had been returned with the notation that the addressee had moved and left no forwarding address. Hamann advised Hamburg that he sent the same cablegram to Strecht in care of the Portuguese Consulate in Rio de Janeiro inasmuch as Strecht is employed there. (S)

Rio de Janeiro has been advised of the above information.

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ESPIONAGE - G.

In accordance with recent traffic with the control station in this case it has been ascertained that Wingate Anderson at Rio de Janeiro will act as an intermediary to accept payment for Peasant.

Anderson presently plans to leave Rio de Janeiro for a two weeks' business trip on July 1, 1945. Contact with Anderson is being maintained and the Bureau will promptly advise you of any change in Anderson's plans.

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 3-24-45 NR 888 5:38 PM EWT

O PEASANT CASE. ANDERSON EXPECTED TO LEAVE RIO DE JANEIRO AFTER JULY ONE FOR TWO WEEKS BUSINESS TRIP. REGULAR CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH HIM. WE WILL ADVISE REGARDING ANY CHANGE IN HIS TRAVEL PLANS.

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Date: March 28, 1945

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To: Mr. D. A. Flinn
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal
From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: PEASANT CASE

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Reference is made to your communication No. 1044, dated
March 14, 1945.

On the basis of your assurance that it will be possible
to discuss various phases of this case with [redacted] without
compromising [redacted] you are authorized to do so.

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Communication No. 1044

(U) Attention: SIS European Desk (S)

Director, FBI

Re: PEASANT CASE

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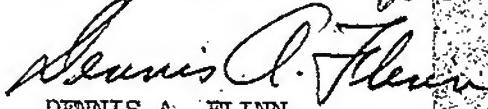
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 27, 1945 bearing
the above caption.

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I was of the opinion that I could safely discuss this case with [redacted], here without compromising [redacted] at the time I addressed my letter of January 24, 1945 to the Bureau. This, however, was not the point at issue. Bureau letter of September 28, 1944, specifically instructed the identification of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO "should not be discussed at the present time with British authorities". Bureau letter of December 9, 1944, repeated, "Investigation that is being made of STRECHT is strictly confidential and should not be revealed to any outside individuals at this time". (S)

You can imagine the quandary in which I found myself with the arrest of MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO in Oporto, Portugal; hence my letter of January 24, 1945. Bureau letter of February 27, 1945 still does not give me the authority (S) to discuss this case with the British even though I am of the opinion this can be done without compromising the source. It merely asks my opinion in the matter. Since this is set forth hereinbefore I will await Bureau advice as to the line to be followed in this case.

Very truly yours,


DENNIS A. FLINN
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Mr. Robert M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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PLASANT CASE.

ADVISED GERMAN AGENTS LISBON

WIRED TO ONE OF UNKNOWN GERMAN AGENTS IN RIO WHO DEPARTED LISBON ON "ESPARANZA"
AUGUST 1944, BUT TELEGRAM RETURNED BECAUSE RESIDENCE AGAIN CHANGED. A SECOND
(U) WIRE WAS SENT TO HIM TO PORTUGUESE CONSULATE IN RIO WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED. UNKNOWN
AGENT RIO REFERRED TO IS ONE BELIEVED BY BUREAU TO BE STRECHT. CHECK WHETHER STRECHT
OR AZEVEDO EMPLOYED PORTUGUESE CONSULATE RIO. CABLE REPLY.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.Transmit the following message to: MR. HEBER M. CLEGG
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

PEASANT CASE X REFERENCE YOUR RADIOGRAM MARCH THIRTYONE. BRITISH ADVISE STRECHT RECEIVES MAIL AND CABLES CARE OF PORTUGUESE CONSULATE, RIO DE JANEIRO. LETTER BEING FORWARDED YOU POSITIVELY ESTABLISHING STRECHT AS GERMAN AGENT. COMMUNICATIONS TO STRECHT, CARE OF PORTUGUESE CONSULATE, RIO, PROBABLY ARE IN OPEN TEXT CARRYING DOUBLE MEANING AND OSTENSIBLY FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL. SUGGEST DISCREET CHECK BACK CABLE TRAFFIC DIRECTED TO PORTUGUESE CONSULATE.

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO

3-31-45

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6:00 PM EWT

(U) PEASANT CASE. REFERENCE YOUR RADIOGRAM MARCH 28. INVESTIGATION FAILS TO DISCLOSE STRECHT AND AZEVEDO HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED PORTUGUESE CONSULATE RIO DE JANEIRO. SURVEILLANCE DISCLOSED THAT STRECHT VISITED PORTUGUESE CONSULATE OCTOBER 11 AND DECEMBER 1, 1944, APPARENTLY ONLY FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES. NO RECORD THAT AZEVEDO HAS VISITED PORTUGUESE CONSULATE ALTHOUGH SURVEILLANCE ON THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN CONTINUOUS. DISCREET CHECK OF BACK TRAFFIC CABLE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PORTUGUESE EMBASSY, RIO DE JANEIRO NEGATIVE. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CODED MESSAGES EXCHANGED. BUREAU HAS BEEN RECEIVING COPIES OF PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC MESSAGES. SUGGESTED THAT MESSAGES FOR PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 15 BE DECODED AND REVIEWED FOR POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH REFERENCE MESSAGE ALLEGEDLY SENT TO PORTUGUESE CONSULATE RIO DE JANEIRO. CHECK OF QUOTE ESPERANZA UNQUOTE PASSENGER LIST AUGUST, 1944, FAILED TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF ANY INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

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March 31, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: M. A. Taylor

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An attempt was made on off-schedule contact with QNB on March 29, 1945, but was unsuccessful, due to extremely adverse atmospheric conditions which affected all transatlantic transmissions.

Contact was established with QNB on March 30, 1945, at which time Bureau messages #119 and #120 were transmitted.

On March 31, 1945, Bureau messages #121 and #122 were transmitted to QNB.

No traffic was indicated by QNB on either of the above contacts.

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: LIMA CASE

Attached is a copy of the report of Special Agent George A. Van Roy dated March 16, 1945. It is requested that you secure all available information concerning Alexandre de Almeiredo Cunha, Alipio Ferreira da Costa and Mr. Guy do Faria e Ferreira who are mentioned in the body of this report. It is particularly desirable that complete background information on the first two persons named be obtained since they were fellow passengers of subject Street.

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Brazil RE: PEASANT CASE;
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Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith eight copies of the report of Special Agent GEORGE A. VAN NOY dated March 15, 1945, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the above-entitled matter.

It is suggested that the Bureau furnish two of these copies to the Lisbon, Portugal Office with the request that all available records be checked for information concerning ALEXANDRE DE FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA, ALIPIO FERREIRADA COSTA, and Dr. GUY DE PINA E PEREIRA.

It is also suggested that through sources available to the Lisbon Office, there be obtained complete background information of the first two persons named, it being recalled that they were fellow passengers of Subject STRECHT.

Very truly yours,

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Subject ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO surveilled from November 27, 1944, to date. He has been working regularly during that time as a draftsman and designer for a firm of consulting construction engineers in Rio de Janeiro. Contacts outside of the firm have been confined almost to a daily visit to a pedicurist's establishment operated by BEIPOMO SABINO and his son, Italians, to a pensão where he eats, and to visits to downtown cafes and theatres. No subversive information developed regarding STRECHT's employers or persons at the pensão. Investigation and surveillance of SABINO have been negative. Subject contacted ANTONIO ALMEIDA DE AZEVEDO four more times and once met an Italian, believed to be a former engineer of a confiscated Italian ship. Other contacts identified and information regarding them set out, although nothing indicating subversive activity on their part has been developed. Three contacts recently came from Portugal, two of them on the ship with STRECHT. The correct text and address of the cable sent on October 10, 1944, set out. No other cables noted. No mail or telephone calls received at Palacete Hotel, STRECHT's present residence. Search of Subject's room unproductive but handwriting specimen obtained.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

No distribution of this report is being made in accordance with Bureau instructions.

A spot surveillance of Subject ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO revealed that the Rio de Janeiro Police Department surveillance of him was discontinued on about November 25 or November 26, 1944. Therefore, surveillance by Confidential Informant [] was reinstated on November 27, 1944. Since that date no indication has been given that the police are further interested in the Subject.

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Complete surveillance notes covering the investigation by Confidential Informant [] and his contacts are being retained in the Rio de Janeiro files.

A photograph, together with the negative, of a specimen of STRECHT's handwriting, obtained during a search of the Subject's hotel room, is being enclosed with copies of this report. Inasmuch as it is not known whether other handwriting specimens exist in this case, no request is being made for a comparison of the instant specimen and the handling of this matter is being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

Confidential Informant [] has succeeded in having one of his contacts obtain a room in the Palacete Hotel, where STRECHT resides, for the purpose of obtaining further coverage of STRECHT's activities inside the hotel. Arrangements have been made with the hotel management for this contact to move into a room next door to STRECHT's as soon as one can be made available. It is felt that this will furnish closer coverage of the Subject's activities and may make possible the installation of a technical surveillance in the event information developed indicates that STRECHT is using his room or his telephone for contacts.

When the surveilling informant followed STRECHT from his place of employment on January 23, 1945, he observed that he in turn was being surveilled. The surveillance of the Subject was immediately dropped and the informant was able to drop the unknown tail man after about thirty minutes. This person was not identified and it is not known whether or not he was connected with the Rio de Janeiro Police. Vigilant observation for several days following this failed to disclose any further surveillance activities by unknown persons. Inasmuch as STRECHT is employed in the Metropole Building, where several United States Embassy offices are located, it is thought possible that the surveillance man might have been checking generally any persons showing interest in the building.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS CONTINUED:

Also, the surveilling informant noted an unknown person loitering outside of STRECHT's hotel on January 14, 1945. This person remained in the vicinity for over four hours and, according to the informant, indicated by his actions that he was watching the movement of STRECHT, who left the hotel for a few minutes once during this period. Our surveillance was dropped for a short time at that point to avoid complications. However, since that day no further surveillance activities have been noted at the hotel. It is possible that this might have been a police investigator making a follow-up check in connection with the previous police interest in the Subject.

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When Confidential Informant [redacted] visited the business establishment of BELPOMO SABINO, as is set out in the report, he reported that he believed that he had been watched for a short time after he left the establishment. Again, close observation for several days in this vicinity failed to disclose further evidence of surveillance activities by other persons.

Photographic copies of police fichas which show the photographs and right thumb prints of ANIBAL DA COSTA and ALEXANDRE DE FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA are being retained in the Rio de Janeiro files. Also, BELPOMO SABINO's 1926 ficha, together with a photograph of same, is being retained in the Rio de Janeiro files as are photographs of material observed in STRECHT's room at the time of the room search. The ficha contains SABINO's fingerprint impressions and his photograph.

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March 15, 1945

RE: HELMUTH SIEGFRIED GOLDSCHMIDT, ET AL.
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

GENERAL REVIEW OF ACACIO AUGUSTO
STRECHT RIBEIRO'S ACTIVITIES

Subject ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO was placed under surveillance on November 27, 1944, by confidential Source C. Unless otherwise noted, all information contained in this report was obtained from Source C.

Shortly after the institution of the surveillance by the Source, it was ascertained that STRECHT had obtained employment as a draftsman in the offices of the CONCRETO ARMADO CONSTRUCOES, LTDA., Room 312, Edificio Metropole, Avenida Presidente Wilson 165. STRECHT regularly went to these offices at 8:00 or 8:30 A. M. and remained until 5:00 P. M., leaving only for lunch at about 12:00 P. M. As nearly as could be determined during this period, STRECHT remained in the offices of the firm.

At the time of the institution of the surveillance, STRECHT was still living in a furnished room in Apartment 102 at Rua Monte Alegre 50. Investigation in this vicinity revealed that Apartment 102 is occupied by one EYMAR RIBAS, who, according to the Source, is a well-known police investigator, having worked in several police precincts in Rio de Janeiro. Efforts by the Source to develop information as to how the Subject came in contact with RIBAS have proved negative. However, on December 17, 1944, the Subject moved from this address and took a room on the First Floor of the Palacete Hotel, Rua Riachuelo 214, and has remained at that hotel since that time, although he moved from the First Floor to Room 270 on the Second Floor on January 16, 1945.

Surveillance of the Subject's activities soon indicated that he regularly took his meals, that is lunch and dinner, at a pensão (boardinghouse) located at Rua Conceição 28. It will be noted that STRECHT contacted this address on October 17, 1945, in the company of ALEXANDRE DE FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA. He has regularly visited this address and although he has been observed to leave the address in the company of various people from time to time, he has always separated from them within a few minutes after leaving the pensão. He has been observed to contact two women living at this address on three occasions

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in the downtown area, but these appeared to be normal contacts which would grow out of his association with persons at the pensão over a period of several weeks. Investigation has not developed any significant contact with persons connected with this establishment.

Also, soon after the institution of the surveillance, it was noted that STRECHT often visited a pedicurist's establishment located at Largo da Lapa 53. More detailed information regarding this establishment and persons connected with it will be set out later in this report. STRECHT normally contacted this address soon after he left his office and remained at the pedicurist's from thirty minutes to one hour and one-half, often leaving the establishment after its doors had been closed to the public. Over the period covered by the surveillance, STRECHT averaged at least three or four calls at this establishment per week. It was noted that he was on friendly terms with persons employed there and he occasionally left the establishment with them. However, again he soon separated from them and apparently had no contact with these persons away from the pedicurist's establishment, other than a very occasional, apparently chance meeting in the vicinity of this address, which is in the downtown area close to the theatre district.

It has also been determined that STRECHT regularly calls at a language school known as the "ESCOLA WILBROW," which is located at Rua Alcindo Guanabara 17-21, Fifth Floor, Room 504. Inquiries made by the Source at this school revealed that STRECHT takes three English lessons there per week from 8:00 to 9:00 P. M. His contacts at the school have always coincided with this schedule and apparently he has no other interest at that address outside of the English lessons. He was still attending these classes as late as February 15, 1945.

Outside of the contacts mentioned above, the Subject's activities have been confined to visits to downtown restaurants and coffee shops and to theatres, with an occasional excursion by streetcar to various sections of Rio de Janeiro.

CONTACTS

There is set out hereafter information regarding various contacts of STRECHT which have been observed since November 27, 1944, with some additional information regarding contacts made prior to that time, the circumstances of which previously have been reported. These contacts include all that have been made by the Subject, with the exception of some apparently casual contacts made at the pensão.

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CONCRETO ARMADO CONSTRUCOES, LTDA.
AVENIDA PRESIDENTE WILSON 165, ROOM 312

Confidential Source D advised that this firm was registered on November 16, 1943, with the Brazilian Department of Industry and Commerce. At that time a capital of 300,000 Cruzeiros (U. S. \$15,000) was listed, being divided between the following officers:

ANTONIO ALVES DE NORONHA	Cr. \$ 120,000
ALFONSO GONZALEZ SOARES	Cr. \$ 120,000
FERNANDO MEIRELES MIRANDA	Cr. \$ 60,000

Source stated that the corporation was founded as a limited liability corporation and was registered under No. 160275. The officials listed are Brazilian engineers, NORONHA having been in business as an engineer in Rio de Janeiro since 1926. He formerly had an office at Rua Ouvidor 183, Room 36. The other two officials are young, recently graduated engineers in their first business enterprise. According to the Source, the firm is considered to be competent and has a good reputation in commercial circles. The CONCRETO ARMADO CONSTRUCOES, LTDA. is a consulting engineering firm which specializes in reinforced concrete construction.

Source E advised that a usually reliable source reported that an investigation of the firm failed to reveal any undesirable political sympathies or activities. Source E reported that in addition to the above listed officers the firm employs two other employees, ANTONIO LUIZ DE MELO BRAGA, who handles the commercial matters of the firm and who is the bearer of Professional Carteira 14565, Series 62, and ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, who is employed as a designer and who holds Professional Carteira 22891, Series 62.

Confidential Source F, who has contacts in various machinery and equipment firms in Rio de Janeiro, advised that discreet inquiries made by him disclosed that this firm operates a medium-sized consulting engineering business and has a good reputation in Rio de Janeiro business circles. The Source obtained no information which would indicate that the firm or any of its officers have been engaged in political or subversive activities.

BELPOMO SABINO
PEDICURIST
LARGO DA LAPA 53

This establishment is operated by BELPOMO SABINO and his

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son, DUILIO SABINO. Although BELPOMO SABINO manages the business and for all practical purposes is the owner and operator, the firm is registered under his son's name and the father is listed as an employee. According to the Source, BELPOMO SABINO explains this by saying that he has some commercial enemies and, therefore, does not want the business to be under his name. The official registration lists LEOVIGILDO FIGUEIRA as an employee. Observation of the establishment by contacts of Source C revealed that there is still another employee working at the address, although apparently he has not registered officially.

Surveillance has established that the Subject actually visits this place, although on the second floor of the building where the pedicurist's rooms are located there is also a photographic shop known as the "FOTO ASTRO." This shop is owned by an Italian named MODESTO REBOREDA PEDROUSO. He has one employee named SILVERIO PINTO COCHA, a Brazilian who was born on September 9, 1919, in the State of São Paulo, and who resides at Rua Luiz Pinto 19, House No. 4.

Source C visited SABINO's establishment and while having his feet treated by SABINO was able to observe that there were three other persons working in the place. SABINO told the Source that he had been a pedicurist for thirty-three years and that he had resided in Rio de Janeiro since 1926. He informed that his residence is at Rua Miguel de Paiva 183, which is in the Santa Tereza section of Rio de Janeiro. Source at that time obtained by observation the following description of BELPOMO SABINO:

Height:	5' 3".
Weight:	130 pounds.
Nationality:	Italian.
Race:	White.
Complexion:	Dark.
Hair:	Bald with long, curly white hair at back of head.
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses.
Eyebrows:	Long, bushy, and white.
Face:	Long.
Nose:	Large.
Ears:	Normal.
Hands:	Short, thick fingers; long fingernails.
Teeth:	Small, mostly good, one missing on lower left side.

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Characteristics:

Energetic, intelligent, and hot tempered.

Speech:

Speaks Portuguese well, occasionally reverts to Italian accent.

Source described the location as being one large room partitioned off by means of curtains into five booths and a waiting section. According to the Source, it is possible to hear anything said in any of the booths once one is inside the main room. Also, it is possible to observe persons in the room from across the street and as the curtains are often drawn to allow ventilation, it is possible to observe persons being treated in various booths.

Source C was able to obtain BELPOMO SABINO's official 1926 police ficha (registration card). This ficha was apparently made out soon after SABINO's arrival in Brazil. The card listed that he was thirty-eight years of age, an Italian national, and the son of ANGELO and MARIA LUIZA SABINO. SABINO's ficha carries his picture, which was taken, however, in 1926, and his fingerprint impressions.

Occasionally the Subject has been observed to leave SABINO's establishment in the company of one or two of the employees or BELPOMO SABINO. On each of these occasions, however, STRECHT has soon parted from these persons, generally after having coffee with them at a nearby restaurant. However, on February 3, 1945, he was observed taking a package from SABINO's which he carried to his residence.

Through Source C surveillance has been maintained on SABINO's establishment since February 22, 1945. During this time BELPOMO SABINO has been observed to make no contacts of significance. He goes directly to his home with his son after his office is closed. The surveillance revealed no unusual activity at the residence.

Source C advised that he has learned through a contact, who is in a position to closely observe persons entering SABINO's establishment, that there are apparently no other persons regularly contacting SABINO in the same manner as the Subject appears to be. This source is able to observe the customers at the establishment throughout the day and to observe the entrances and departures of SABINO, his son, and the employees.

The official employee register of the firm, mentioned above, indicates that the employee, LEOVIGILDO FIGUEIRA, is a Brazilian and

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has been employed by SABINO since September, 1944. Inasmuch as this person is a mulatto, he is not believed to be identical with the employee observed leaving SABINO's establishment with STRECHT on January 9, 1945, and on one or two other occasions. This person, who is thought to be the unregistered employee, was surveilled and after leaving STRECHT went to Rua Frei Caneca 202, First Floor. It was not possible to ascertain what room this man entered at this address and available Rio de Janeiro directories do not reflect a listing for this number.

PENSÃO AT RUA CONCEIÇÃO 28

The pensão where the Subject takes his meals is operated by one IGNACIO PINTO, a Portuguese national who has resided in Brazil for twenty years. His wife, MARIA DA CRUZ PINTO, is also a Portuguese national. Source C reported that about two years ago PINTO purchased the pensão from one MARIA SARAIVA, who presently resides at Rua Buenos Aires 176. The actual management of the pensão is handled by PINTO's wife, while PINTO himself operates the Hotel Rex in São Lorenzo, where he spends the majority of his time.

Besides the PINTOS, RAPHAEL FELIPE FERREIRA and JOSE LOPES DE SOUZA reside at the pensão. The remaining persons who patronize the place only take meals there as does STRECHT.

On several occasions STRECHT was observed leaving this pensão in the company of a group of young men, probably other customers, but each time he separated from them soon after leaving the establishment. On three occasions the Subject met two women, who are also known to be customers of the pensão, in the downtown theatre district. These meetings appeared to be casual encounters and STRECHT separated from the women after he had walked back to the pensão with them. It is believed that one of them is MARIA PINTO.

ANTONIO AIMEIDA DE AZEVEDO

During the period covered by this report, the Subject has been observed to contact AZEVEDO four times. On the first occasion, December 13, 1944, the Subject left SABINO's establishment and stood outside for a few minutes. While he was standing there AZEVEDO passed by and they engaged in conversation for about ten minutes and then parted.

On December 17, 1944, the Subject went to Rua da Resende 192, AZEVEDO's residence. Subject and AZEVEDO left this location and

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went to Rua Riachuelo 212, where STRECHT left a handbag which he had obtained at AZEVEDO's residence. The two then went to the Palacete Hotel, AZEVEDO remaining outside. Subject rejoined him a few minutes later and both returned to STRECHT's residence at Rua Monte Alegre 50 and obtained three trunks, a drawing table, and two packages, which they then took to the Palacete Hotel where STRECHT had obtained a room. AZEVEDO remained with the Subject for thirty minutes and then both returned to AZEVEDO's residence, where STRECHT remained until 9:00 P. M., a period of about three hours. He then left and returned to the hotel.

On January 6, 1945, STRECHT visited AZEVEDO's residence at about 8:30 P. M. and at 9:00 P. M. he and AZEVEDO left and went to the offices of the newspaper "BRASIL-PORTUGAL." It is known that AZEVEDO occasionally writes for this newspaper, which is a publication edited by VIRIATO VARGAS, brother of President VARGAS. The newspaper, which has a relatively small circulation, appeals mainly to the Portuguese element in Brazil. It is characterized particularly by its strong anti-Communist and anti-Liberal policy, reflected especially in editorials by VIRIATO VARGAS.

On January 16, 1945, STRECHT met AZEVEDO outside of the Cafe Estrela, which is located on Rua da Conceição near STRECHT's pensão. The Subject and AZEVEDO entered the cafe but remained only five minutes. They then took a streetcar to Rua Mem de Sá. A short while later the two separated, each going to his residence.

EMILIA SILVA AND ARMINDA FERNANDES COUTINHO

It is to be noted that on October 18, 1944, STRECHT and AZEVEDO accompanied two women from AZEVEDO's residence to the airport in Rio de Janeiro, where they departed by plane for São Paulo. These two women were identified as ~~EMILIA~~^X SILVA and ~~ARMINDA~~^X FERNANDES COUTINHO.

COUTINHO and SILVA both had arrived in Rio de Janeiro from São Paulo on October 14, 1944, and had resided at the Regina Hotel. Inquiries made by Source G at the hotel failed to develop any information of a derogatory nature regarding these two women. It was learned there that the São Paulo address of SILVA is Rua Vieira de Carvalho 122, Apartment 19.

By investigation in São Paulo, Brazil, Source G learned that ~~EMILIO~~^X SILVA, a Brazilian national, is married but is separated

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from her husband. She is registered with the São Paulo Police under No. 464688 and is forty-seven years of age. She is described as being blonde, heavy set, five feet six inches tall, and weighing 160 pounds. COUTINHO is a Portuguese national, is single, and is registered with the São Paulo Police under No. 592478/56638. She is thirty-five years of age, blonde, well built, weighing approximately 125 pounds, and being five feet five inches tall. She resides at Rua Senador Feijo 126, Apartment 21, and is known professionally as Madam MARIA ELENA. Both women, according to the Source, are dressmakers, having been in partnership in a dressmaking business at Avenida 9 de Julho 584 in São Paulo. This business, however, has been discontinued. The Source reports that neither of the women are presently employed and apparently have no source of income. It was ascertained that they infrequently leave their residence and then only for the purpose of shopping. The Source reported no indication of subversive or espionage activities on their part.

ALEXANDRE DE FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA

On October 15, 1944, STRECHT met this individual and spent some time sight-seeing with him. Source C learned that FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA is a Portuguese national who was born on January 30, 1915, the son of MANOEL FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA and ANA GLORIA. He is married and carries Portuguese Passport No. 5462, issued at Porto, Portugal, on December 20, 1939. He first came to Brazil on January 24, 1940, giving his profession as a commercial employer. He has carried several passports, for example, Passport No. 5462, dated December 20, 1939, and Passport No. 1642, dated August 9, 1940. The latter one was issued by the Portuguese Consulate in Rio de Janeiro on the occasion of a trip by FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA to Venezuela.

On October 10, 1944, this person returned to Rio de Janeiro again, this time using Passport No. 385, issued in Lisbon on August 22, 1944. This time, however, he stated he was an agriculturist. It is to be noted that FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA arrived in Brazil on the same boat with STRECHT. Three days after arriving he registered his address with the Registry of Foreigners as Rua Marechal Cantuaria 386.

When STRECHT met FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA on October 15, they had lunch together in Apartment No. 1 at Avenida Portugal 386, which is the residence of the porter of the building, one ANIBAL COSTA, also a Portuguese national. COSTA is a childhood friend of FIGUEIREDO

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E CUNHA and the latter has lived in COSTA's apartment for sometime during his residence in Brazil. According to information obtained by the Source from COSTA, FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA, following his arrival in Brazil in 1940, worked in São Paulo for a firm named NUNES & VELOSO and traveled in the interior of the State of São Paulo for this firm.

FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA is married to a Brazilian named IZAURA and they have three children. The wife and the children, however, are in Portugal. Although he expressed his intention to bring his wife with him on his next trip to Brazil, following his arrival this time he explained his failure to do so by saying that his wife remained in Portugal "for private reasons." When younger, FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA worked for COSTA SACADURA, Director of Public Health in Lisbon. He is reported to be wealthy and to be the owner of a hotel which was managed for him by FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA for some time. According to COSTA, FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA's family is quite wealthy and resides in the locality of Abrunhosa Velha in Portugal, his father being employed by the Post Office Department.

FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA attempted to obtain employment from the firm LABORATORIO URUDONAL, Rua Paulino Fernandes 51, Rio de Janeiro, as a salesman. However, no agreement was reached and soon after his arrival in Rio de Janeiro he went to São Paulo, where he has a brother named ANTONIO DE FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA. It was reported that the two brothers were working together. However, according to ANIBAL COSTA, about Christmas, 1944, ALEXANDRE wrote to a friend in Rio de Janeiro advising that he was then working in the northern part of Brazil. Source did not know exactly where ALEXANDRE was employed. It is possible that he is working as a salesman, inasmuch as COSTA reported that he has been successful in this line of business before in Brazil.

ALIPIO FERREIRA DA COSTA

It will be recalled that STRECHT, soon after his arrival in Rio de Janeiro, visited a hospital in the company of one ALIPIO FERREIRA DA COSTA, who had also been a passenger with STRECHT on the "SS CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA." It was learned by Source C that ALIPIO's brother, ARMANDO DA COSTA, whom he visited at the hospital, has now been discharged. ARMANDO and ALIPIO are residing together at Rua Carolina Reydner 63. According to Source C, both brothers are now unemployed and they spend most of their time together. They maintain daily contact with a man by the name of ALMEIDA, who can be contacted

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through Telephone No. 43-4152. The Rio de Janeiro Telephone Directory lists this number under ADMINISTRACAO DO PORTO DO RIO DE JANEIRO, Second Division, Avenida Rodrigues Alves 843. This is the administration office of the Rio de Janeiro Dock.

ALIPIO FERREIRA DA COSTA was observed on February 11, 1945, leaving the pensão at Rua Conceição 28 in the company of a young man who has been observed leaving the pensão with STRECHT on several occasions.

VALERIO ZAGO

On December 30, 1944, after dinner at the pensão, STRECHT walked to the corner of Rua Visconde do Rio Branco and Rua do Lavradio. Here he stopped and looked into a shop window. An unknown man walked up and stopped within a short distance of the Subject and after a few minutes joined STRECHT. After about five minutes another man, who had been standing on the other side of the street, crossed over and all three walked for a short distance along the street. However, the second unknown man did not join STRECHT and the first man for sometime after he crossed the street. The three continued to walk along Rua Lavradio maintaining a conversation until they reached the corner of Rua do Senador, where STRECHT left the other two. These two were overheard maintaining a conversation in a foreign language.

By surveillance by Source C, the man who first contacted STRECHT was identified as VALERIO ZAGO, who resides at Rua Bento Lisboa 178, House No. 5. On January 4, 1945, this man visited the firm GIORDANO COLOMBINI INDUSTRIA MECANICAS INCUS, located at Rua Dois de Dezembro 81. The head of this firm is GIORDANO COLOMBINI, who is an Italian national. He, however, presently is actually employed at the FABRICA DE MOTORES, which is an airplane motor factory located on the Rio de Janeiro-Petropolis Highway. His brother-in-law, whose name was not determined and who presently cares for the business, which is a garage and general repair concern, formerly worked for FABRICA DO PROJETIS, which manufactures ammunition for the Brazilian Army.

VALERIO ZAGO has been working for the COLOMBINI firm for about one month repairing motors. According to information obtained at the firm, it was expected that he would leave about the end of January to work for a firm located in the Cajú section of Rio de Janeiro on Rue Carlos Seidl, owned by one ALBANO. ZAGO is reported

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to be the second engineer on the "SS TEREZA," an Italian ship. ZAGO is not registered as a regular employee of the COLOMBINI firm and, according to information obtained, he has no regular documents. Source [redacted] learned that the "SS TEREZA" is reported to have been confiscated from the Italian Government, which may explain the fact that ZAGO has no regular identification documents.

VALERIO ZAGO is described as follows:

Height:	5' 11".
Hair:	Bald, getting gray.
Build:	Thin.
Face:	Long.
Nose:	Rather long.
Glasses:	Wears glasses while working.
Nationality:	Believed to be Italian.

ARMANDO MARTINS

On January 10, 1945, STRECHT, while walking in the theatre section, met a man outside of the "Pathé" Theatre and accompanied him to a nearby cafe, where they spent fifteen minutes conversing. After that the two separated and the Subject went home. STRECHT's contact was observed to go to the Hotel Primor, Avenida Tomé de Sousa 17. He waited in the lobby for forty minutes and then took an elevator upstairs. The porter at the hotel informed that this man was ARMANDO MARTINS, who is believed to reside outside of the Federal District. No further information regarding MARTINS could be learned at the hotel, where he was a temporary guest.

GUY DE PINA E PEREIRA

Information obtained at the Palacete Hotel revealed that sometime around the middle of December, 1945, a man called at the hotel and left a message for STRECHT saying that he and his mother invited the Subject to lunch. The hotel porter learned that the man resided at the Regina Hotel. An inspection of the guest list at this hotel revealed that there is only one mother and son couple residing there, GUY DE PINA E PEREIRA, son, and ISAURA BALTAR PEREIRA, mother. The son is a Portuguese national, is single, and a physician. He formerly practiced in Porto, Portugal; however, it is said that he does not practice in Rio de Janeiro but is living on his accumulated capital. He is the bearer of Carteira de Estrangeiros No. 145-174, Model 19. He arrived in Rio de Janeiro from São Paulo on April 18, 1944, and went to the Regina Hotel, together with his mother. They

have resided there since that time, occupying Room 127. The mother, who is fifty-five years of age and a Portuguese national, carries Carteira de Estrangeiros 64-011, Model 19.

On January 16, 1945, STRECHT met GUY PEREIRA at the corner of Avenida Rio Branco and Rua São José. He walked along the street talking to him for about thirty minutes.

Soon after his arrival in Rio de Janeiro, STRECHT accompanied FIGUEIREDO E CUNHA to the restaurant Nova Esquadra at Rua Carmo Neto 177, where they contacted a person who appeared to be the manager and talked with him and one MARIO GENTIL. Source C has determined that the man STRECHT contacted at this residence is FRANCISCO JOSE DE SOUZA, the manager of the cafe. The owner of the establishment is ANTONIO RODRIGUES PEREIRA.

ARISTIDES VIEIRA

As has been mentioned before, STRECHT has on several occasions left a package at the address Rue Riachuelo 212, which is next door to his hotel. He contacted this place on November 28 and December 17, 1944, and January 14, 1945, and was accompanied there by AZEVEDO on the day he moved to the Palacete Hotel. Directories list this address in the name of one ARISTIDES VIEIRA.

COSTA, PACHECO & CIA.

Efforts by Source C to identify the person whom STRECHT contacted in the COSTA, PACHECO & CIA. at Rua Sete de Setembro 67 have been negative. Informants who observed the contact have not been able to recognize the employee on subsequent contacts at the company.

CABLE, MAIL, AND HOTEL COVERAGE

As was reported previously, STRECHT on the day of his arrival in Rio de Janeiro sent a cable to Portugal. Confidential Source H was able to observe and to make a copy of the contents of the original of this cable. The cable, as copied by the Source, is set out as follows:

"RIO OCTOBER 10, 1944 DCT (Avenida Station) 5972

ELVIRA RODRIGUES
LARGO DO CADOUCO
FOZ DO DOURO, PORTUGAL

CHEGUEI BEM ATRIMENTOS SAUDADES

ACACIO STUCHT

~~SECRET~~

NAME SIGNED:

ACACIO AUGUSTO STUCHT RIBEIRO
HOTEL MEM DE SA
RIO DE JANEIRO

IDENTITY CARD # 202"

The spelling of the signature, as copied by the Source, differs from the spelling of STRECHT's name but inasmuch as the address of the sender and the identity card number correspond to those of the Subject, it appears that the sender is identical with the Subject.

Confidential Source H has from time to time made a discreet search of incoming and outgoing cable traffic in Rio de Janeiro but has learned of no other messages sent by the Subject. A search was also made against the name of BELPOMO SABINO, with negative results. ~~(S)~~

Source G was able to arrange a coverage of the mail at the Palacete Hotel. Source advised that to date no mail has been received by STRECHT and he has not sent any through the hotel desk. Surveillance of the Subject revealed that on December 15, 1944, he mailed a letter at the post office branch located at Rua Senador Dantas 19-A.

The Subject has received one message at his hotel other than the one received from GUY DE PINA E PEREIRA, that being a message left on March 1, 1945, asking him to call Rua da Conceição (probably the pensão at number 28 on this street). The Subject during the period covered has been observed to make one phone call, this being from a cafe in the theatre district on the morning of February 22, 1945. According to Source C, he has received no telephone calls at his hotel.

Confidential Source C was able to arrange a search of STRECHT's room in the Palacete Hotel, which indicated that the Subject had in his possession several clippings taken from Rio de Janeiro newspapers showing advertisements for schools offering courses in construction, electricity, and other technical subjects. He also had a typewritten schedule of bus and train arrivals and departures between Rio de Janeiro and Petropolis, Brazil, and a typewritten sheet showing lot numbers, areas, and prices of various pieces of real estate. This list did not show the location of this real estate. One sheet of handwriting, apparently an English lesson prepared by the Subject, was also located.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE RIO DE JANEIRO OFFICE

AT RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Will investigate M. M. GENTIL, also known as MARIO GENTIL, Inspector of Dock Guards, to determine his activities and his connection with STRECHT.

Will ascertain the present activities and background of FRANCISCO JOSE DE SOUZA, manager of the Novo Esquadra, a restaurant located at Rua Carmo Neto 177, Rio de Janeiro, in an effort to learn his connection with STRECHT.

Will determine the present whereabouts and ascertain the background and present activities of VALERIO ZAGO, whom STRECHT contacted on December 30, 1944.

Will further identify and ascertain the background and activities of ARMANDO MARTINS, who resided at the Hotel Primor, Avenida Tomé de Sousa 17, on January 10, 1945.

Will attempt to arrange a contact in the pensão at Rua Conceição 28, with a view to possibly gaining contact with the Subject and identifying other persons at that place. (It is suggested that an informant might be able to arrange to take meals at the pensão and thereby be able to cover STRECHT's activities at that location).

Will continue to investigate BELPOMO SABINO with a view to ascertaining his present activities and determining the identity of any persons who might be contacting his establishment for other than professional reasons. It is suggested that an attempt be made to arrange a coverage of the mail being delivered to this establishment.

Through Confidential Informant [redacted] will attempt to obtain a photograph of BELPOMO SABINO from official police records, it being remembered that SABINO has obtained a professional carteira and probably has registered with the Registry of Foreigners.

Will identify the employee of BELPOMO SABINO who resides at Rua Frei Caneca 202, with whom STRECHT has been observed leaving SABINO's establishment on several occasions.

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Will determine the nature of the establishment located at Rua Riachuelo 212, which is listed under the name of ARISTIDES VIEIRA, and, if deemed advisable, will determine the identity, background, and activities of the persons connected with this establishment.

Will continue surveillance of Subject STRECHT with a view to ascertaining his activities.

Will report the results of a coverage on STRECHT's mail and telephone calls at his hotel.

Will continue efforts to obtain a suitable room for the informant next to that of STRECHT's so as to obtain closer coverage of the Subject's activities within the hotel.

ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU:

One photographic copy, together with negative, of one page of handwriting found in the luggage of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO.

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~~SECRET~~IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

The sources of information mentioned in the report of Special Agent GEORGE A. VAN NOY dated March 15, 1945, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the case entitled, "PEASANT CASE; ESPIONAGE - G," are listed below:

Source C: Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Source D: Confidential Informant [redacted] who obtained the information reported from [redacted]
[redacted]

Source E: Mr. SHELTON VANCE, Economic Section, American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Source F: [redacted]

Source G: Confidential Informant [redacted] who furnished his information to Special Agent ROBERT E. SHAW.

Source H: [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC
Washington Field

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: 4/4/45

There is being set forth hereafter a portion of a message being submitted under separate cover for transmittal to Station ONB on Saturday, April 7, 1945. The portion of the message submitted on the attached page sets forth information which is submitted for the approval of joint chiefs of the staff as information not purely administrative in character.

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WAR NEWS HERE DISASTROUS. RESIGNATION
JAMES BYRNES, WAR MOBILIZER, CONSIDERED
SIGN EUROPEAN WAR IS NEAR END.

Source: NEW YORK TIMES, Monday 4/3/45.

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SAC, Washington

April 3, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

ESPIONAGE - G.

When Peasant was trained by the German Intelligence System at Hamburg, Germany, he was instructed that in the preparation of his radio traffic each message should be in three languages: English, German and Spanish. The probable purpose for such an instruction would be to make each individual message more difficult to break.

With respect to traffic prepared for transmission to ONB on Thursday, March 29, 1945, it is noted that message #119 is in English and Spanish and that message #120 is entirely in German. It is desired that the Bureau be advised fully in this connection.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd, Room 1742 ✓

DATE: March 24, 1945

FROM : E. P. Coffey ✓

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Bureau File #65-51317

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 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Coffey ✓
 Mr. Glavin
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 Mr. Rosen
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 Mr. Hendon
 Mr. Jarmord
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Quinn-Tamm
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 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Baum
 Miss Lindstrom

Attached hereto are the translation and decipherment of incoming message number 38 received from Germany on March 24, 1945, in connection with the above entitled case.

The original intercept and translation are being retained in the Code and Cipher File of the Laboratory.

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RE: PEASANT CASE

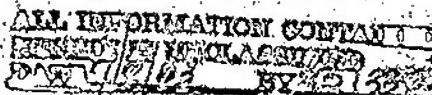
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DECIPHERMENT:

KANN AN ANGEGBENE ADRESSE AUCH BANKUEBERWEISUNG AUS PORTUGAL GEFAHRLOS ERFOLGEN UM DADURCH ZEITRAUBENDE BRIEFLICHE INFORMATIONEN AN UNSEREN BRASILVERTRETER ZU VERMEIDEN. NR. DREI ACHT. GENUEGT IN DIESEM FALL ANGEGBENE ADRESSE OHNE DEINEN NAHEN?

TRANSLATION:

CAN BANK TRANSFER ALSO BE MADE SAFELY FROM PORTUGAL TO ADDRESS FURNISHED IN ORDER TO AVOID LOSS OF TIME IN ADVISING OUR BRAZIL AGENT BY LETTER. NO. 38. IN THIS CASE IS ADDRESS FURNISHED SUFFICIENT WITHOUT YOUR NAME?



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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the source of this information.

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DGB:SGH

TO : MR. COFFEY

FROM : I. W. Conrad

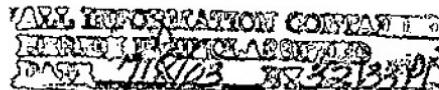
SUBJECT: Peasant Case
Maintenance of Operational Log

DATE: April 5, 1945

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 Miss Beath
 Miss Landry

In view of the fact that Assistant Director E. J. Connelley has instructed the maintenance of two separate logs, one reflecting incoming signals and the other reflecting outgoing signals, in the Spenip Case, D. G. Bardin, at my instance, inquired of Supervisor N. M. Felt whether he desired any change in the maintenance of the operational log in the Peasant Case. Mr. Felt advised that the method employed in the Peasant Case is appropriate for that case, and that no change thereof is desired at this time.

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cc - European Desk
cc - Mr. W. M. Felt

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65-51317-517

Date: APRIL 7, 1945

To: Mr. Heber U. Cleary
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FRAGATE CINC

United States Censorship has furnished a Third Party Memorandum pertaining to a letter in Portuguese dated February 21, 1945, from Odette Medeiros, Grande Hotel d'Espinho, Praia de Espinho, Portugal, to Manuel Pereira Gomes, Fabrica de Papel, Jacarapague, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The letter mentions that a certain Azvedo was bringing verbal news from the sender to the addressee, and instructs the addressee to send various personal articles to the sender with Azvedo when he "continues his voyage on the Serpa Pinto"; for Azvedo assured the sender "that he would be able to bring anything back here." It is possible that Azvedo is identical with Antonio de Almeida Arzvedo, a principal subject in this case.

The Bureau files reflect no information concerning Odette Medeiros and nothing concerning Manuel Pereira Gomes. There are references to Marvel Gomes Pereira, Jr., who is Third Officer on the SS S.S. Bruce, a Brazilian vessel that has called at the port of the city of Philadelphia on several occasions.

It is requested that the Lisbon office identify Odette Medeiros and that the Rio de Janeiro office identify Manuel Pereira Gomes to determine if they have any connection with this case.

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cc - Mr. Dennis A. Elkin
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1945.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: Mr. W. J. Powell

I enclose as requested a copy of CPSJ Third Party Memorandum No. 15 concerning Almeida Azevedo, who may be identical to Antonio de Almeida Azevedo, an individual appearing on your Special Watch List.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Wolkensmith,
Executive Liaison Officer.

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March 12, 1945

Subject: Third Party Memorandum No. 15.

To: Chief Postal Censor, Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: T. O. D.

Submission SJ-60813 (C) was prepared by the Personal Mail Section on a letter in Portuguese dated February 21, 1945 from Odette Medeiros, Grande Hotel d'Espinho, Praia de Espinho, Portugal (no listing), to Manuel Pereira Gomes, Fabrica de Papel, Jacarepagua, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (no listing.)

This letter mentions that a certain Azevedo was bringing verbal news from Sender to Addressee and instructs Addressee to send various personal articles to Sender with Azevedo when he "continues his voyage on the Serpa Pinto" for Azevedo assured Sender "that he would be able to bring anything back here!"

The examiner's note brings out that SJ 58394 (C), SJ FIN 13658 (R)- after excision, and SJ FIN 13759 (C) deal with the carrier activities of a Mr. Almeida Azevedo, who is presumed to be the same person.

This name is similar to that of Antonio de Almeida Azevedo, Resende 192, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - XXX Gx 7700. However, the Special Security Division can find in their files no information enabling them to judge whether Mr. Almeida Azevedo is identical with Antonio de Almeida Azevedo.

The letter has been tested for S/W with negative results.

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APRIL 7, 1945

FAC, Washington Field

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

65-51317

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSAGE

Pursuant to your letter dated April 4, 1945, you are authorized to transmit the following message to ONE on Saturday, April 7, 1945:

B-426: WAR NEWS HOME DISASTROUS. RESIGNATION JAMES BYRNE, WAR MOBILIZER, CONSIDERED SINCE EUROPEAN WAR IS NEAR END.

AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY SECURITY IF WAR ENDED SUDDENLY. SHOULD I CONTINUE WORK OR NOT. YOU ADVISE ME. PLEASE SUCH TRANSMISSION. WILL ARRANGE TO LISTEN TUESDAY.

The above is broken into two parts for the purpose of indicating that portion which was cleared by Joint Chiefs of Staff and designated as "B-426".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/4/45

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FROM : GUY HOPTEL, SAC
Washington Field
SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

There is submitted hereafter a suggested message to be transmitted to control station ONE on Saturday, April 7, 1945, which if approved by the Bureau and JCS will be transmitted in the usual manner.

TO BE TRANSMITTED SATURDAY, 4-7-45:

WAR NEWS HERE DISASTROUS. RESIGNATION JAMES BYRNES, WAR MOBILIZER, CONSIDERED SIGN EUROPEAN WAR IS NEAR END. AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY SECURITY IF WAR ENDED SUDDENLY. SHOULD I CONTINUE WORK OR WILL YOU ADVISE ME. PLEASE RUSH TRANSMITTAL. WILL ARRANGE TO LISTEN TUESDAY.

The purpose of the above message is to elicit some statement from the Germans as to their future plans for PEASANT and also to renew efforts to obtain some money for PEASANT. It is hoped this message may draw some comment or statement from the enemy which will reveal his present attitude toward PEASANT.

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FILE NO. 65-4539

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/12/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/30 - 4/10/45	REPORT MADE BY MAURICE A. TAYLOR	MAT:JAC
TITLE G. PEASANT CASE	CHARACTER OF CASE Beste, - ESPIONAGE - G			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: For period of approximately two weeks beginning January 27, 1945, the Germans appeared suspicious of Peasant and subjected him to period of testing. This was possibly the result of failure of Peasant to furnish certain information regarding allied troops on western front which Peasant indicated previously he possessed, but which was not supplied by Peasant. However, exchange of traffic has continued between ONB and Peasant and to date, April 10, 1945, 39 incoming and 124 outgoing messages have been exchanged. Latest message received April 10, 1945, suggested Peasant continue in usual manner "as long as there is a connection." Peasant continued requests for money and on March 3, 1945, ONB inquired regarding possibility of payment through Brazil. Arrangements made with manager of oil company in Rio to receive payment and ONB has promised to make provision in this manner. Information received from Bureau indicates AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, presently in Rio, is definitely an agent of the Germans. Possibility appears good that STRECHT RIBEIRO may arrange payment for Peasant in Rio.

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REFERENCES: 65-51317. Report of Special Agent MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated February 1, 1945, at Washington, D. C. Letter from Washington to the Director dated February 7, 1945. Bureau letters to Washington dated January 27, 1945, February 6, 1945; February 20, 1945, and March 29, 1945.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Reference is made to pages 9 to 11 of the report of reference. It is noted the last incoming message reported on page 9 therein was received January 23, 1945, from ONB. In this message the Germans again discussed the alleged courier advising he had departed from Europe in the middle of December, and arrival at the post office box of Peasant should take place any day. This was another in a series of messages promising payment which Peasant's principals were never quite able to fulfill. For sometime it was felt Peasant should have this money in order to justify his continued efforts on behalf of the Germans, and for this and other reasons outgoing message 101 was transmitted on January 27, 1945, advising ONB no money had been received, and Peasant had found it necessary to accept an additional temporary job which would occupy his mornings until the money was received. This new employment made it necessary that he discontinue transmissions except on Saturdays.

As previously reported on pages 9 and 10 of the reference report, ONB again pressed Peasant for further details concerning the composition of the allied armies on the western front which Peasant had previously indicated he possessed. Apparently because of Peasant's failure to furnish the information which the enemy requested repeatedly, ONB became suspicious and subjected Peasant to a period of testing described in part on pages 10 and 11 of the reference report. As indicated therein, on Saturday, January 27, 1945, when contact was made ONB advised he had traffic and inquired whether Peasant also had traffic. Upon being informed that Peasant had traffic, ONB instructed him to transmit his message first, and thereafter informed Peasant he had no traffic.

During the six days following Saturday, January 27, 1945, ONB came on the air regularly at the usual time and indicated "QTC" (I have traffic for you) daily. On January 29, 1945, ONB also stated, "QTC tomorrow," making it appear that on the following Saturday, February 3, 1945, Peasant might expect a message on the day when ONB would know he would be listening.

However, on February 3, 1945, ONB did not have a message. On this day he made contact as usual and after sending call letters for sometime and repeating the letters after one minute interval he gave a single signal "QRU" (I have no traffic for you). Peasant refused to answer this signal as he had no traffic for ONB on this date.

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It is significant that on the following day, Sunday, February 4, 1945, ONB resumed his usual routine and again began transmitting "QTC" signals indicating he had traffic for Peasant. On Monday, February 5, 1945, he repeated this procedure and on Tuesday the 6th of February he sent "QTC" signals for 8 minutes which was longer than usual, and subsequently repeated this for 4 minutes after which he instructed Peasant to raise his frequency a little and sent "PSE Call," meaning please call which was very unusual, and followed this by stating, "HR QTC QTC," meaning here I have traffic. He closed this transmission with "QTC TMW," meaning I have traffic for you tomorrow.

As a further indication that ONB had been testing Peasant, on Friday, February 8, 1945, ONB again indicated he had traffic for Peasant, and on this date transmitted incoming message #34 blind. Inasmuch as Peasant was carrying out his announced intention of listening only on Saturday, he did not answer although of course the incoming message was monitored in the usual manner.

On Saturday, February 10, 1945, contact with ONB was made in the usual manner, and on this occasion ONB repeated the message sent February 8, 1945, referred to above, which is quoted hereafter, and at the same time Peasant transmitted brief outgoing message #102.

INCOMING 34

SATURDAY

February 10, 1945

(WE) ARE VERY MUCH DISTURBED THAT TRANSMITTAL HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AND ARE CONTINUALLY OCCUPIED WITH INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING IT. NO. 34. (WE) 08 TO 95 AND 99 TO 100 WELL RECEIVED WHILE NEWSPAPER REPORTS ARE OF LITTLE INTEREST. AR?

OUTGOING 102

SATURDAY

February 10, 1945

DO YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OF PAYMENT? NEW JOB IS UNPLEASANT AND I HOPE TO QUIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

During the week between February 3 and 10, 1945, there was no unusual activity. ONB made its services available to Peasant in the usual manner daily, and on February 17, 1945, incoming message #35 was received from ONB, and Peasant transmitted two messages to the Germans which are as follows:

INCOMING 35

SATURDAY

February 17, 1945

WE FIND NO EXPLANATION FOR FAILURE OF YOUR REMITTANCE TO APPEAR. NO. 35. WE AWAIT DAILY THE RETURN OF AGENT AND CLARIFICATION. IS THE NUMBER 1052 CORRECT? WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING FURTHER AT PRESENT.

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~~SECURE~~

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OUTGOING 103, 104

SATURDAY

2/17/45

WPS FRIEND SAYS IN JANUARY CURTISS BUILT 150 C-46D AT BUFFALO AND DOUGLAS BUILT 200 C-47B AT OKLAHOMA CITY AND 100 B-17G AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. AM NOT IN POSITION AT PRESENT TO PRESS THIS SOURCE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

On February 24, 1945, contact was made in the usual manner. The control station indicated he had no traffic. On this occasion Peasant transmitted three messages to the Germans. In this transmission Peasant inquired as to the expected return of the enemy pay agent and also asked ONB how soon a new means of payment could be developed. These messages are as follows:

OUTGOING 105, 106, 107 SATURDAY
(Adm. and B-355)

2/24/45

I AM GREATLY DISAPPOINTED IN FAILURE OF TRANSMITTAL. NUMBER MENTIONED YOUR 35 IS CORRECT. I HAVE CHECKED IT REGULARLY. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT RETURN OF AGENT? HOW SOON CAN YOU DEVELOP NEW MEANS OF PAYMENT? PRODUCTION B-24 BOMBERS DISCONTINUED AT CONSOLIDATED FACTORY, FORT WORTH. THIS PLANT NOW BUILDING NEW B-32. IN PAST CONSOLIDATED CONCENTRATED ON B-24 PRODUC-
ING OVER 4000 THIS MODEL LAST YEAR.

On the following Saturday, March 3, 1945, radio contact was established, and ONB responded to Peasant's inquiry as to a new means of payment in incoming messages #36 and 37. Peasant on this date transmitted two additional messages to the enemy:

INCOMING 36, 37

SATURDAY

3/3/45

WE ARE AS AMAZED AS YOU AT FAILURE OF TRANSMITTAL TO ARRIVE AND ARE STILL AWAITING EXPLANATION OF WHEREABOUTS OF TWO THOUSAND. DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTION FOR SAFE TRANSMITTAL? HOW CAN MEANS BE SAFELY SENT TO YOU FROM BRAZIL? NO. 36. CONT.
NO. 37. DO YOU WANT DEPOSIT IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY? WE SHOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO PROVE (OUR) GOOD WILL AND MAKE YOU SATISFIED SINCE RECOMPENSE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN ANY CASE.

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OUTGOING 108, 109
(B-343, B-345)

SATURDAY

3/3/45

WPB FRIEND ADVISES THAT IN PRODUCTION ARE FOUR POINT FIVE INCH ROCKETS, SEVENTY FIVE MM RIFLE ROCKETS, FIFTY SEVEN MM RIFLE ROCKETS, AND TWO POINT NINE TWO INCH BAZOOKA. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE TO HIM. ALSO SAYS THAT CHRYSIER IS BUILDING PARTS FOR B-29 IN SEVERAL FACTORIES BUT THE PRINCIPAL FACTORY IS DE SOTO AT DETROIT WHERE IMPORTANT SUBASSEMBLIES ARE PRODUCED.

In view of the suggestion made by the Germans in the above messages dated March 3, 1945, in which ONB inquired as to how payment could be safely made from Brazil, it was decided to make an effort to effect a contact in Brazil and to endeavor to open a channel for an initial and subsequent payments to Peasant.

Mr. RALPH HIGH, Shell Oil Company, Washington, D. C., was personally contacted and he agreed to write a letter if necessary to an actual or fictitious person in Rio de Janeiro requesting this person receive a package or payment as a personal favor for him, or in the alternative, Mr. HIGH agreed his name might be used in carrying out such a transaction.

In Rio de Janeiro arrangements were made through the Bureau representative to have a reliable individual selected who would receive a package "for Mr. RALPH HIGH" and deliver same to the Bureau representative, although ostensibly the package would be forwarded to the United States by one of the employees of the friend in Rio who would receive the package for Peasant and Mr. HIGH. The Bureau representative in Rio selected Mr. WINGATE ANDERSON, manager of the Standard Oil Company of Rio de Janeiro, who agreed to give full cooperation in this project. His office address in Rio, Avenida Presidente Wilson 118, room 63, was suggested as the most practical address for delivering a package or making contact. Mr. ANDERSON indicated he would be available at all times except for a two-week business trip on July 1, 1945.

Following the arrangements described above, contact was made again in the usual manner with ONB on March 10, 1945, at which time outgoing messages 110, 111, and 112 were transmitted to ONB. The control station had no traffic for Peasant on this date.

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OUTGOING 110, 111, 112 SATURDAY
(A-139)

3/10/45

MY BOSS HAS AGREED TO APPROACH A FRIEND OF HIS IN RIO TO ACCEPT MONEY FOR ME. WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK. WAVE FRIEND INFORMED ME A COMMODORE WHO COMMANDS U. S. NAVAL GROUP IN CHINA ARRIVED LAST SATURDAY FROM CHUNGKING AND HAD SEVERAL CONFERENCES WITH HER SUPERIOR. WILL TRY TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS. WAVE FRIEND ADVISES THIRTY NEW FLEET CARRIERS REQUIRING THREE THOUSAND COMBAT PLANES PLANNED FOR 1945.

It is noted in the above messages that Peasant indicated he would have more details as to the arrangements in Rio on the following Saturday.

On March 17, 1945, radio contact with ONB was resumed as usual. ONB had no traffic for Peasant on this date. At this time Peasant transmitted messages 113 and 114 further explaining to the Germans the arrangements which he was engaged in to facilitate the transmittal.

OUTGOING 113, 114 SATURDAY

3/17/45

BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE WHO FLEW TO RIO WAS REQUESTED BY MY BOSS TO ASK AN OLD FRIEND TO RECEIVE PACKAGE FOR HIM AS PERSONAL FAVOR. THIS FRIEND IS MANAGER OF OIL COMPANY IN RIO. HE HAS FACILITATED TRANSMITTALS OF GIFTS AND PERSONAL ARTICLES IN PAST AND BOSS HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM. IF THIS MAN IS AGREEABLE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

In view of the rapid course of the war in Germany, it was felt negotiations regarding payment should be expedited. Accordingly, on Thursday, March 22, 1945, Peasant made radio contact with ONB and transmitted two messages furnishing the name and address of WINGATE ANDERSON in Rio and inquiring when delivery would be made by the Germans.

OUTGOING 115, 116 THURSDAY

3/22/45

WINGATE ANDERSON HAS INDICATED AGREEMENT. ADDRESS TRANSMITTAL FOR MR. HIGH CARE OF ANDERSON AT BUSINESS ADDRESS OF LATTER AVENIDA PRESIDENTE WILSON 118, ROOM 63. WHEN WILL DELIVERY BE MADE?

It was hoped that some definite promise or commitment would be made by the Germans in answering the above messages. On March 24, 1945, radio contact was established as usual at which time incoming #38 was received from ONB, and outgoing #117, 118 were transmitted by Peasant.

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INCOMING 38

SATURDAY

3/24/45

CAN BANK TRANSFER ALSO BE MADE SAFELY FROM PORTUGAL TO ADDRESS FURNISHED IN ORDER TO AVOID LOSS OF TIME IN ADVISING OUR BRAZIL AGENT BY LETTER? NO. 38. IN THIS CASE IS ADDRESS FURNISHED SUFFICIENT WITHOUT YOUR NAME?

OUTGOING 117, 118

SATURDAY

3/24/45

LOCKHEED P-80 CALLED SHOOTING STAR IS NEWEST AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE. OFFICIALS CLAIM IT HAS RECORD PERFORMANCE INCLUDING RATE OF CLIMB, CEILING, BOMB AND AMMUNITION LOAD, AND SPEED IN EXCESS OF 700 MILES PER HOUR. HIGH SPEED IS ATTAINED BY USE OF NEW AND LARGER GENERAL ELECTRIC JET ENGINE, KNIFE LIKE LEADING EDGE ON WING, AND HIGH LACQUER POLISH ON FUSELAGE.
CONT.

There appears no clear explanation for ONB's inquiry as to whether a bank transfer could also be made safely from Portugal to WINGATE ANDERSON. The Germans explained that this method would prevent loss of time in communicating with their Brazil agent by letter. There is no clear explanation for the inquiry of the Germans as to whether the name and address would be sufficient without the name of Peasant being used. The practical effect of message #38 was to postpone payment and further delay the matter at a time when any delay makes payment to Peasant less probable.

Peasant's reaction to the above quoted message, incoming #38, was that WINGATE ANDERSON as a friend of his boss Mr. HIGH would not be receptive to a suggestion that he participate in a bank transaction originating in Portugal, nor would Peasant feel his boss would receive such a bold request in a friendly manner. Accordingly, it was decided that Peasant should discourage such a money transfer and endeavor to persuade the Germans to make the payment in Brazil if possible. For the same reason as on the previous week, Peasant attempted to make radio contact with ONB on Thursday, March 29, 1945, in order that an answer might be received from ONB on Saturday. Effort was made to contact ONB on March 29, 1945. However, due to impossible radio conditions, no message was sent or received on this date.

On the following day, however, radio contact was established, and at this time outgoing messages 119 and 120 were sent.

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OUTGOING 119, 120

FRIDAY

3/30/45

HIGH AND ANDERSON BELIEVE MY MONEY ALREADY IN BRAZIL. I HESITATE TO NOW INFORM THEM MONEY IS IN PORTUGAL. ALSO FEAR A. WOULD NOT ACCEPT RISK INVOLVED IN RECORD TRANSFER. IN ANY EVENT I HAVE NO SAFE MEANS OF SPEEDY COMMUNICATION WITH A. CONSEQUENTLY NO TIME COULD BE SAVED. REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT BRAZIL AGENT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. ADVISE. MORE ABOUT P-80 NEXT CONTACT.

On Saturday, March 31, 1945, the regular radio contact with ONB was established, and outgoing 121 and 122 were transmitted by Peasant. However, ONB had no traffic for him.

OUTGOING 121, 122

SATURDAY

3/31/45

CONT. P-80 HAS AIR INTAKE DUCTS LOCATED EACH SIDE FUSELAGE JUST FORWARD LEADING EDGE OF WING. JET ENGINE IS MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AND BY ALLISON. PLANE IS MANUFACTURED BY LOCKHEED AND BY NORTH AMERICAN. LOCKHEED CLAIMS SIMPLE DESIGN FACILITATES CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR. USE OF JET ENGINES IN BOMBERS AND TRANSPORTS CONTEMPLATED.

It was hoped by April 7, 1945, ONB would respond to Peasant's messages 119 and 120. On April 7, 1945, regular contact was established with ONB; however, no incoming message was received. At this time the allied armies were reported approaching Bremen in the wake of heavy aerial bombardments and the failure of ONB to communicate with Peasant may prove to have resulted from inability to prepare and transmit messages, rather than based upon any lack of desire on the part of the control station to communicate with Peasant.

On this date outgoing 123 and 124 were transmitted, and it is noted in his anxiety to make contact and arrange payment, Peasant stated he would listen on Tuesday, April 10, 1945, which is an off day according to Peasant's present schedule of one transmission per week.

OUTGOING 123, 124

SATURDAY

4/7/45

WAR NEWS HERE DISASTROUS. RESIGNATION JAMES BYRNES, WAR MOBILIZER, CONSIDERED SIGN EUROPEAN WAR IS NEAR END. AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY SECURITY IF WAR ENDED SUDDENLY. SHOULD I CONTINUE WORK OR WILL YOU ADVISE ME? PLEASE RUSH TRANSMITTAL. WILL ARRANGE TO LISTEN TUESDAY.

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On Tuesday, April 10, 1945, radio contact was established with ONB who made reply to the above quoted message as set forth hereafter in incoming #39. Peasant had no traffic on this date.

INCOMING 39

TUESDAY

4/10/45

WE RECOMMEND FURTHER WORK IN THE OLD WAY AS LONG AS (THERE IS A) CONNECTION. WE ARE INSTITUTING PROVISION IN THE MANNER YOU PROPOSED. NO. 39. STILL CONSIDER THAT INSTRUCTION TO OUR BRAZIL REPRESENTATIVE MUST TAKE PLACE BY LETTER THEREFORE TIME IS NECESSARY THEREFORE OUR QUESTION ABOUT DIRECT TRANSFER FROM PORTUGAL.

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ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO

With the Bureau letter of reference dated February 20, 1945, were transmitted [redacted]

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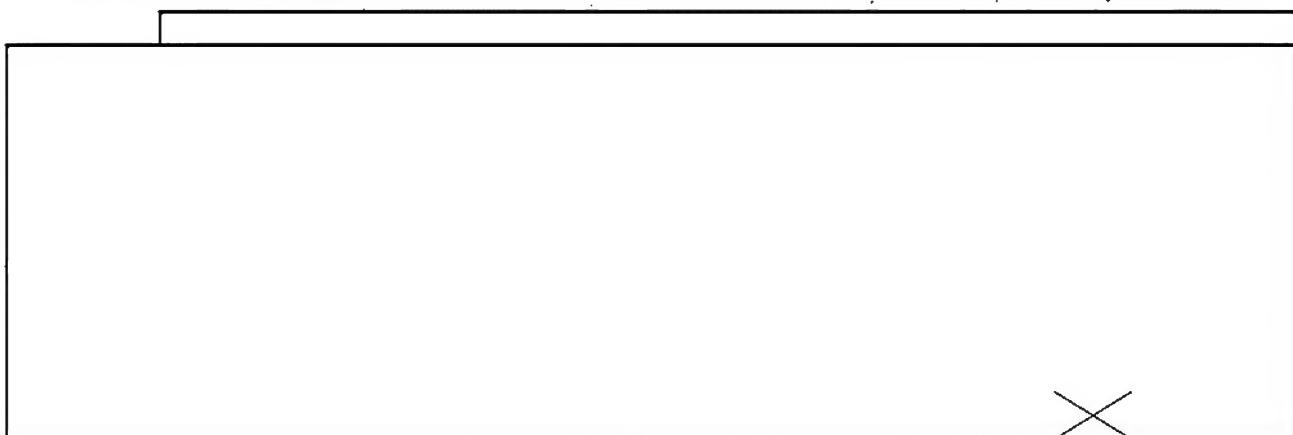
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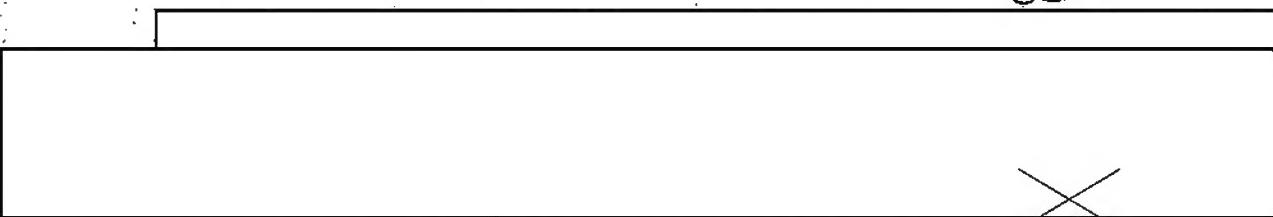
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STRECHT RIBEIRO's full name is set forth in the letter as ACACIO STRECHT RIBEIRO and he is described as brother of Dr. CARLOS AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO of the faculty of medicine at Oporto University. He is described as presently in Rio de Janeiro where his correspondence is addressed in care of the Portuguese Consulate in that city. He is described by the president of the Liga dos Combatentes da Grande Guerra of Oporto to be strongly pro-British. The president is said to be well acquainted with him. 



The Bureau letter of reference dated March 29, 1945, advised it had been learned from Bureau source I on February 26, 1945, FRIEDRICH HAMANN at Lisbon had informed his principals in Hamburg, Germany, he had cabled AUGUSTO STRECHT indicating the reports of the latter were awaited, but the cablegram had been returned with the notation "the addressee had moved without leaving a forwarding address." HAMANN advised his principals he had sent the same 

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(U) cablegram to STRECHT care of the Portuguese Consulate in Rio inasmuch as STRECHT is employed there. ~~(S)~~

From all of the above information it appears rather definite that AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO is an agent of the Germans, and in view of the traffic exchanged between ONB and Peasant it appears quite likely that STRECHT RIBEIRO may be the agent who might be expected to contact WINGATE ANDERSON and make payment for Peasant if such transaction takes place in response to instructions sent by letter to STRECHT RIBEIRO.

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Reference is made to the Bureau letter of January 27, 1945, concerning the correspondence between Peasant and one S. K. DE PUY, U. S. Naval Reserve, room 301, Wave Quarters, Dodge Hotel.

It is recalled in the summary furnished by the British reflecting interviews with Peasant, it was set forth that Peasant stated in the spring of 1935 he had borrowed 1,000 gilders from an old friend Baron PIET SIX, Reserve Calvary officer, with the intention of going to the United States to find work. Later and more characteristically, according to the British interviewer, Peasant stated he had suddenly decided to marry an heiress whom he had met during his first visit to the United States in 1927-1929. This woman was KATHLEEN DE PUY whose address at the time of the interview by the British was R. M. 3/c, USNR, Ship Company, Wave Barracks, 60 USNA & TC, Memphis 10, U. S. A. Peasant informed the British when he arrived in the United States, he found that "her affections were already engaged."

The records of the U. S. Navy Department concerning KATHERINE ELEANOR DE PUY, service No. 558-86-01, were examined by Special Agent JOHN C. WELCH. These records indicate this young woman, born August 2, 1908, at Chicotah, Oklahoma, occupation social welfare worker, enlisted September 22, 1942, in the U. S. Navy Reserve at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; that she was honorably discharged September 22, 1943, to accept appointment as midshipman on September 23, 1943. At that time she listed her home address as 1516 South Detroit Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and designated as friend MABEL RUTH STRONG, 824½ Douglas Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma. She was described as follows:

Height:	5' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Weight:	123
Eyes:	blue
Hair:	light brown
Complexion:	dark
Marital status:	single

The Navy records indicate Miss DE PUY reported at the University of Wisconsin for basic training in the Waves on October 9, 1942; on February 17,

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1943, she was transferred to the Naval Training Station, Memphis, Tennessee, and on April 8, 1943, was appointed R. M. third class. She was transferred on August 16, 1943, to the Midshipmen's School, Northampton, Massachusetts, arriving August 27, 1943, and received an appointment as midshipman on September 23, 1943.

On October 29, 1943, she was promoted to the rank of ensign, and was assigned to the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, August 2, 1944. On August 21, 1944, she reported to the U. S. Naval Barracks, Potomac Park, Washington, D. C., and went on duty at Quarters O where she was assigned to investigation office for training. She applied for overseas duty on October 27, 1944, indicating she had no living relatives. Her duty station as of this date was the Dodge Hotel. Her application was approved, and on January 23, 1945, she was transferred to Camp Shoemaker, California, to be sent to territory Hawaii where she would receive assignment as assistant to first lieutenant, Monalua Wave Quarters. Her officer's identification number is 221-678. While at Wave Barracks in Memphis her commanding officer described Miss DE PUY as very capable and stated she added to the efficiency of the school through her devotion to duty.

The application for enlistment filed by Miss DE PUY furnished her home address as 1731 South Florence Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She also listed former addresses as 1516 South Detroit Street, 1410 and 1405 South Cincinnati Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She indicated her father was born in New York state and her mother in Holton, Kansas, although the names were not set forth. Miss DE PUY gave the following employer reference: Mrs. EMILY SOLOMON, 1205 North Elwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 10 years as social worker. She listed her education as University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, B. A. degree, social science. She gave the following character references:

Dr. RALPH MC GILL, 1010 Medical Arts Building.

FRANK MURTA, bill operator, Kennedy Building, Tulsa.

A. H. HURLEY, banker, First National Bank and Trust Company, Tulsa.

Mrs. GLENN R. V. GRIFFITH, librarian, 2447 East 20th Street, Tulsa.

All of the above references wrote letters recommending the character and reputation of Miss DE PUY. Mr. MURTA identified her father as J. M. DE PUY, a pioneer oil operator of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The application also indicated Miss DE PUY had attended high school at Tulsa, Oklahoma, had been president of a national sorority, formerly worked with the YWCA Welfare Department, and had also been employed as renting agent for CLEMENT O'NEAL, 19 East 80th Street, New York City.

In view of the known information concerning KATHERINE DE PUY and the fact that her only known association with Peasant occurred many years ago, no

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leads are being set out at this time to interview this woman or conduct further investigation concerning her.

The Post Office box 1052 registered for Peasant at the main Post Office, Washington, D. C., has been checked daily since the box was rented; however, no mail has been received in this box except the communication addressed to Lieutenant J. D. PARIAS, reported in the report of reference.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C., will continue to check Post Office Box 1052, Main Post Office, daily.

Will continue to exchange traffic with ONB with a view to maintaining this circuit on a sound basis.

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 Mr. Harbo _____
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 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____ b2

F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

DECODED COPY

FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 4-12-45 NR 945 ~~5-50 PM EWT~~

O PEASANT CASE. STRECHT HAS ENLISTED AID OF INFORMANT [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN
 CAMERA AND ASSIST IN GETTING PICTURES IN FUTURE.

RECEIVED: 4-12-45 6:00 PM EWT TW

65-51317-521 Dallas

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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SAC, Washington

April 11, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: M. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

Radio contact was established with ONS on April 7, 1945, at which time Bureau message #123 was transmitted. The German station had no traffic. Radio conditions were good, with strong signals at both ends.

Radio contact was again established on April 10, 1945, at which time German message #39 was received. The Bureau station had no traffic to transmit.

On this latter contact, the signal from ONS was so poor that it was necessary to utilize the services of the Bureau Monitoring Station at South Natick, Massachusetts in conjunction with those of Clinton, Maryland.

Whether the poor quality of ONS's signals were due wholly to radio conditions is difficult to determine. The Bureau is considering the possibility that the main transmitting equipment at Hamburg is being removed to other locations, leaving "standby" equipment to maintain their regular schedules until such time as new "underground" sites may be established.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd, Room 1742

DATE: April 10, 1945

FROM : Mr. E. P. Coffey

SUBJECT: Peasant Case

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ON 7/9/23

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 Mr. Nease
 Miss Beahn
 Miss Candy

Attached hereto are the translation and decipherment of a message received from Germany on April 10, 1945, in connection with the above entitled case.

It is noted that this message as received contained one extra group, the eighth and ninth groups being identical. Since the letter count given at the top of the message is the correct count this may be due to transmission difficulties.

The original translation and intercept are being retained in the code and cipher file of the Laboratory.

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DECIPHERMENT:

EIPPELLEN WEITER ARBEIT IN ALTER FORM SO LANGE VERBINDUNG, VERSORGUNG AUF VON DIR VORGESETZTEM WEGE EINGELEITET. NR. DREI NEUN. BEDEKE JEDOCH DASS INSTRUKTION ERSTLICH AN UNSEREN BRASIL-REPRESENTATIVEN ERFOLGEN MUSS ALSO ZEIT BRAUCHT; DAHER UNSERE ANFRAGE WEGEN DIREKT UEBERTRAGUNG VON PORTUGAL.

TRANSLATION:

WE RECOMMEND FURTHER WORK IN THE OLD WAY AS LONG AS (THERE IS A) CONNECTION. WE ARE INSTITUTING PROVISION IN THE MANNER YOU PROPOSED. NR. 39. STILL CONSIDER THAT INSTRUCTION TO OUR BRAZIL REPRESENTATIVE MUST TAKE PLACE BY LETTER THE MORE TIME IS NECESSARY; THEREFORE OUR QUESTION ABOUT DIRECT TRANSFER FROM PORTUGAL.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the source of this information.

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SAC, New York

April 12, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - C

Pursuant to your letter dated April 3, 1945, you are authorized to discontinue existing arrangements at the Hotel Governor Clinton, New York City, as to the receipt of mail for Peasant.

It is assumed, however, that arrangements for general coverage at the Hotel Governor Clinton in this, as well as in other Bureau cases, are such that your office will be advised of any mail to or inquiries concerning Peasant within a reasonable time.

cc Washington Field

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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

APR 12 1945 P.M.

E.H.
Dr
Place

24 MAR 1945

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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65-13686

April 3, 1945

Director, FBI

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Re: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated February 10, 1945, relative to arrangements at the Hotel Governor Clinton, New York City, regarding Subject GOLDSCHMIDT.

Helmut Siegfried In view of the fact that daily contact has been had with Mr. CHARLES PETERS, Office Manager, Hotel Governor Clinton, for the purpose of determining whether any communications or inquiries have been received for GOLDSCHMIDT with negative results, arrangements at the hotel will be discontinued as of April 10, 1945, unless the Bureau advises to the contrary, and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SAC

cc - Washington Field

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United States Department of Justice
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April 11, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: ⑦ PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of April 3, 1945, concerning the use by Peasant of three languages in the preparation of ciphered messages for the ONB circuit, and particularly referring to outgoing messages 119 and 120 transmitted by Peasant on March 30, 1945.

From the beginning of his transmissions in this case, Peasant interpreted his instructions to use three languages in each message to mean that the message for the day was to be set forth in German, English, and Spanish. It was found to be expedient and natural to prepare the planned message in this manner and thereafter encipher it in as many cipher sections as were necessary, and this was thought to be in keeping with the supposed character of Peasant.

Peasant was also influenced in some degree at least by the fact that the first few messages sent consisted of only one encoded section, and when the messages lengthened, it was quite natural for him to continue in this manner.

In the preparation of coded messages it was found that the repetition of proper names and numbers made it very difficult to anticipate the exact number of letters or groups which would be required in each section, and Peasant naturally found it more expedient to take the completely translated message and fill in the cipher section to a desired length and then begin another section.

Peasant also found in the translation of messages it was much less difficult to express a thought or sentence in a single language than to break sentences into more than one language. The difference in grammatical construction of the languages, particularly German, makes this understandable.

In using technical language or unusual expressions also it was found to be more convenient to use each separate language in expressing a complete thought. For this reason on a few occasions a coded section was

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found to contain two languages rather than three, and on one or two occasions the last portion of a message appeared in German only. This is explained by the fact that wherever possible Peasant utilized his native German more than Spanish or English, and this was thought a natural thing for him to do.

It is pointed out ONB has used German almost exclusively in his messages and also that he has never challenged the style of translation in Peasant's messages although Peasant has been called to task on several other matters to which ONB took exception. The particular manner of translation was used by Peasant as early as messages 4 - 6, and it is felt that ONB would have called it to Peasant's attention if it had been considered serious at that time.

It is respectfully suggested that no change should be considered at this time. To now begin the use of three languages in each section, some of which may be very small, would possibly arouse the suspicions of the Germans, and it is not believed Peasant would be likely to voluntarily undertake the more difficult and restricting method.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel
GUY HOTTEL
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Mr. D. A. Flinn
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal

PEASANT CASE

INFORMANT RIO DE JANEIRO OFFICE IN CONTACT WITH STRECHT AND INTERESTED STRECHT

IN EXPORTATION SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES, ON APRIL 7, 1945, STRECHT SENT CABLE TO JOSE
VBRITO, JR., R. FORMOSA 360, PORTO, PORTUGAL, ASKING IF BRITO INTERESTED IN
II IMPORTING STONES AND REQUESTED ANSWER THROUGH CONSULATE. OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION
POSSIBLE CONCERNING BRITO.

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April 12, 1945

Mr. M. J. Lynch
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

NOTIFICATIONS SECTION

MAIL TO
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Kohn
Mr. Carson ~~this case~~
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Bumford
Mr. Jones
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 22, 1945, concerning

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

65-4539
MAT:JAG

April 12, 1945

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

There is submitted hereafter a suggested message for transmittal to ONB on Saturday, April 14, 1945. If this message is approved by JCS and the Bureau, it will be transmitted on this date in the absence of instructions to the contrary.

ACCORDING TO REPORT OF GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD TO SECRETARY OF WAR PROGRESS IN JET PROPELLED PLANES SUCH THAT BELL P-59 BUILT LAST YEAR NOW CLASSIFIED AS TRAINER. AT END OF LAST YEAR ONE B-29 BOMBER WAS BEING PRODUCED DAILY IN FOUR PLANTS MAKING THIS MODEL.

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Very truly yours,

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GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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SAC, Washington Field

April 14, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

ESPIONAGE - G

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Reference is made to your letter dated April 12, 1945.

This will confirm oral authorization granted your office to transmit the following message to OMB on Saturday, April 14, 1945.

B-440 ACCORDING TO REPORT OF GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD TO SECRETARY OF WAR, PROGRESS IN JET PROPELLED PLANES SUCH THAT BELL P-59 BUILT LAST YEAR NOW CLASSIFIED AS TRAINER.

A-143 WAVE FRIEND SAYS THAT THE COMMODORE FROM CHUNGKING HAS LEFT. HE WAS IN HER OFFICE TO SAY GOOD-BYE.

E-440 AS OF DECEMBER, B-29 BOMBERS WERE BEING PRODUCED AT THE RATE OF FOUR DAILY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RGC:HJA

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd, Room 1742

FROM : E. P. Coffey

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: April 16, 1945

File #65-51317

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beetham	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Attached hereto are the translations and decipherments of two messages received from Germany on April 15, 1945, in connection with the above entitled case.

It is noted that a third message also sent on April 15, 1945 was a repetition of the message reported April 10, 1945.

The original translations and intercepts are being retained in the Code and Cipher File of the Laboratory.

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RE: PEASANT CASE

DECIPHERMENT:

ANGESICHTS LAGE MUSST DU MIT VORUEBERGEHENDER EINSTELLUNG DER UEBERWACHUNG RECHNEN. NR VIER NULL. BITTE STEHE TROTZDEM WEITER AUF EMPFANG. FALLS DU UNS NICHT HOERST SENDE VORLIEGENDE SPRUECHE BLIND JEDE GRUPPE DOPPELT AN UNS AB. WIR WERDEN BESTAETIGUNG VERSUCHEN.

TRANSLATION:

IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION YOU MUST FIGURE ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SUPERVISION. NO. 40. NEVERTHELESS PLEASE STAND BY FURTHER TO RECEIVE. IN CASE YOU CANNOT HEAR US TRANSMIT MESSAGES ON HAND TO US BLIND EACH GROUP DOUBLE. WE WILL TRY TO CONFIRM.

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65-51317-539
ENCLOSURE

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the source of this information.

RE: PEASANT CASE

DECIPHERMENT:

WIE WIRKT SICH ROOSEVELT TOD AUS? WELCHER EINDRUCK IN DEINEM BEKANNTENKREIS
UND IN DER OFFENTLICHKEIT?. NR. VIER EINS.

TRANSLATION:

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF ROOSEVELT'S DEATH? WHAT ARE THE IMPRESSIONS IN YOUR
CIRCLE OF ACQUAINTANCES AND ON THE PUBLIC? NO. 41.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the source of this information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

April 13, 1945

Mr. Heber Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

50 Transmit the following message to:

RADIOGRAM IN SPECIAL CIPHER

URGENT

PEASANT CASE. YOUR RADIOGRAM APRIL 11, 1945. NO INFORMATION ON JOSE BRITO JR.
IDENTIFIABLE IN FILES. LISBON REQUESTED TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND DATA. MAGAZINES
REQUESTED YOUR RADIOGRAM APRIL 9 WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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Serial 161

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F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

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Quinn Tamm

FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 4-11-45 NR 943 6-05 PM EWT b2
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PEASANT CASE. INFORMANT [REDACTED] IN CONTACTING STRECHT HAS INTERESTED HIM IN EXPORTATION OF SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES. ON APRIL 7, 1945, STRECHT SENT CABLE TO ONE JOSE BRITO JUNIOR, FORMOSA 360, PORTO PORTUGAL, ASKING IF BRITO INTERESTED IN IMPORTING STONES AND REQUESTED AN ANSWER THROUGH CONSULATE. ADVISE IF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON BRITO.

RECEIVED 4-11-45 6-40 PM EWT RBH *Dafford*

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 4-9-45 NR 935 5:52 PM EWT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

O PEASANT CASE, ESPIONAGE G. INFORMANT [REDACTED] HAS DEVELOPED FRIENDSHIP WITH STRECHT AND SABINO AND IS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM. THERE IS INDICATION SABINO MAY BE IN CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF STRECHT. LATTER HAS ADVISED HE HAS FRIEND TRAVELLING ON BOAT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND EUROPE. STRECHT ALSO STATED IN SECURING HIS LAST PASSPORT HE GAVE PROFESSION AS JEWELER RATHER THAN DRAFTSMAN. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING CLOSER CONTACT AND AS BAIT PLEASE TRANSMIT THREE MAGAZINES BEING SOUGHT BY GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SUCH AS TECHNICAL ENGINEERING OR AVIATION FLYING ILLUSTRATED.

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SAC, Washington Field
John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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PEASANT CASE

April 17, 1945

TELE: CAB

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

The following cablegram has been received from Rio de Janeiro concerning this case:

INFORMANT [redacted] HAS DEVELOPED FRIENDSHIP WITH STRECHT AND SABINO AND IS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM. THERE IS INDICATION SABINO MAY BE IN CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF STRECHT. LATTER HAS ADVISED HE HAS FRIEND TRAVELING ON BOAT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND EUROPE. STRECHT ALSO STATED IN SECURING HIS LAST PASSPORT HE GAVE PROFESSION AS JEWELER RATHER THAN DRAFTSMAN. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING CLOSER CONTACT AND AS BAIT PLEASE TRANSMIT THREE MAGAZINES BEING SOUGHT BY GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SUCH AS TECHNICAL ENGINEERING OR AVIATION FLYING ILLUSTRATED.

The Bureau has no further information concerning Sabino and Rio de Janeiro will be requested for more details.

It is desired that at least three magazines be purchased by your office to fill the above request. The traffic in this case should be carefully studied for good material and in addition, it is pointed out that the following magazines are known to be of particular interest to the Germans:

"Aviation"
"Journal of American Chemical Society"
"Welding Engineer"

In addition, it appears likely that magazines dealing with current political developments may be of interest; however, with regard to the last mentioned, only those magazines which would not be readily available in Rio de Janeiro should be considered.

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

April 21, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

JCS has suggested the following message to be sent to OMB in response to the German inquiry as to the effect of the death of President Roosevelt:

B-445 ROOSEVELT'S DEATH HAS HAD SOARING EFFECT ON USA YET IT SEEMS TO HAVE REINVIGORATED DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE TO CONCLUDE WAR ALONG LINES OF ROOSEVELT'S PROGRAM. EVERYONE WHO VOICES AN OPINION SAYS THERE MUST BE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AND COMPLETE OCCUPATION OF BOTH GERMANY AND JAPAN. TRUMAN HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO ROOSEVELT'S POLICIES. HE HAS CONFERRED WITH LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES AT WHITE HOUSE AND HIS RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS WILL APPARENTLY BE MORE PERSONAL AND CORDIAL. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE TRUMAN WILL GRADUALLY SWING TO THE RIGHT ON SOME INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE IS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE THE SAME TOLERANCE FOR STRIKES AND LABOR DELAYS AND IT IS FELT THAT A TIGHTENING OF DOMESTIC POLICIES IN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE MAY BE EXPECTED. IN VIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE WAR AND THE TEMPER OF THE PEOPLE IT IS SPECULATED THAT SUCH POLICIES WOULD BRING TRUMAN NEW SUPPORTERS IN CONGRESS AND WOULD ALSO INCREASE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND RESTORE AMPLE FOOD SUPPLIES THAT ARE RAPIDLY BEING DEPLETED.

The above will unquestionably be broken into five or six messages when it is encoded. It is desired that the portion of the message down to "BE MORE PERSONAL AND CORDIAL" be transmitted to OMB on Saturday, April 21, 1945. There should be included at the end of this portion the statement, "WILL SEND THURSDAY".

The balance of the message can be sent on Thursday and Saturday, April 26 and 28, respectively.

It is suggested that an informational type of message be submitted for approval not later than Tuesday, April 24, so that it will be ready for transmission on Saturday, April 28, in the event it is possible to transmit all the above on the 21st and 26th of April.

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ON 7/11/03

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC
Washington Field

SUBJECT: O
PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: 4/16/45

There is set forth hereafter a message as suggested traffic to be transmitted to Station ONB on Thursday, April 19, 1945, in response to the question asked in incoming message number 41, received on Sunday, April 15, 1945, as to the effect of the death of President Roosevelt and the impressions of the public and of the acquaintances of PEASANT.

There is also set forth a suggested follow-up message on the same subject to be transmitted on Saturday, April 21, 1945. It is thought that the occurrences during the early part of this week may make a change in either message advisable immediately prior to transmission, however, it is requested that these messages be submitted to JCS for approval and if approved, they will be transmitted on the dates indicated.

TO BE TRANSMITTED THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1945:

DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICAN PUBLIC. CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY AND DOUBT RESULTED IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER SITUATION BEGINNING TO CLEAR. IT APPEARS OLD POLICY OF VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF WAR AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO CONTINUE. TRUMAN HAS STATED THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN NAVAL AND MILITARY LEADERS. STOCK MARKET PRICES RISING STEADILY. MORE NEXT TRANSMISSION. WHEN CAN I EXPECT TRANSMITTAL TO ARRIVE IN SOUTH.

TO BE TRANSMITTED SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1945:

PUBLIC OPINION SEEMS TO BE THAT TRUMAN MADE CLEVER MOVE IN HAVING STALIN SEND MOLOTOV TO SAN FRANCISCO THOUGH THIS OPINION SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TRUMAN ANNOUNCED IN SPEECH ON MONDAY HE WILL CONTINUE ROOSEVELT POLICY OF CHAMPIONING COMMON MAN, HOWEVER, MANY BELIEVE TRUMAN WILL MOVE TOWARD RIGHT AND EXPECT FUTURE CABINET CHANGES TO FORETELL POLICY ON DOMESTIC MATTERS. WILL LISTEN THURSDAY NEXT.

The above messages were not taken from any publication or single source but were manufactured from statements of a number of persons during conversations and from a cross-section of newspaper and radio commentaries. In presenting them to JCS for approval, the source may be properly described as notional.

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SAC, Chicago

April 27, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

For counterespionage purposes in connection with the captioned case, it is desired that your office obtain a recent issue of the "Welding Engineer." It has been ascertained through the Library of Congress that this magazine can be obtained from G. H. MacKenzie, 506 South LaSalle Avenue, Zone 5, Chicago, Illinois.

cc - Washington Field

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg

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Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

April 24, 1945

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of April 17, 1945, requesting three magazines be purchased for use of the Bureau in connection with developments in Rio de Janeiro.

There are enclosed herewith the latest obtainable copies of Aviation for March, 1945, and Journal of the American Chemical Society for April, 1945. It is noted that the April issue of Aviation is not yet available.

Through the Library of Congress it was ascertained that Welding Engineer is published in Chicago, Illinois, and can be obtained from G. H. MacKENZIE, 506 South Wabash Avenue, Zone 5, Chicago, Illinois.



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April 17, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

The attempt to establish radio contact with OME on regular schedule for April 14, 1945, at 1430 GM was unsuccessful. His signals were extremely weak, and he was unable to hear the Bureau station. Unsuccessful endeavors were later made to contact "off-schedule", at 1700, 1730, and 1800 GM.

On April 15, 1945, contact was established with OME, during which time Bureau messages 6124 and 6125 were transmitted, and German messages 620, 649, and 641 were received.

It is noted that 620 was a repeat message, having been previously transmitted and received on April 10, 1945. Apparently OME was not clear as to whether Peasant had previously acknowledged receipt thereof. It will be recalled that both stations were weak on that day.

The April 15, 1945, contact was made under adverse conditions, and it was necessary to again utilize the facilities of the Bureau's Monitoring Station at South Elitch in order to complete the transmission. As far as can be determined OME has not changed transmitters.

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Enclosed for your information is a copy of a communication dated April 16, 1945, concerning this case, received from the Bureau's representative in London, England. (S)

Enclosure

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

American Embassy
London, England
April 16, 1945

Communication 4971
VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

(U)

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
England - Espionage - G

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② [Signature]
① [Signature]

This is to advise that the following information has been received from [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] has been informed that the Bureau is con-
tinuing to run this case and that [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Assistant Legal Attaché

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

REF: EHN
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TO : MR. D. H. LADD
FROM : Mr. C. H. Cars
SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 31, 1945

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From [redacted] we have received information that the Germans attempted to send a telegram to an agent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil whom they designated as "No. 175", however, the telegram was returned because No. 175 had moved. They therefore sent another telegram to No. 175, c/o Portuguese Consulate, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where it was stated by the Germans that No. 175 was working.

We had previously deduced that No. 175 was Acacio Strecht Ribeiro, a Portuguese, who traveled to Rio in September, 1944 and has been under surveillance since that time. We have now received additional information from the British confirming that Strecht is a German agent and also stating that Strecht's correspondence is sent to him c/o the Portuguese Consulate in Rio de Janeiro.

RECOMMENDATION:

Strech is already on the Special Watch List, but not at the address c/o Portuguese Consulate, Rio de Janeiro. It is recommended that this address for Strech be added to the Special Watch List. (S)

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In reply please refer to
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X CONFIDENTIAL - AIR POUCH

Date: April 21, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

The following messages concerning payment to Peasant have been received and sent in this case since March 24, 1945:

The following message was received from ONB on March 24, 1945:

CAN BANK TRANSFER ALSO BE MADE SAFELY FROM PORTUGAL TO ADDRESS FURNISHED IN ORDER TO AVOID LOSS OF TIME IN ADVISING OUR BRAZIL AGENT BY LETTER. IN THIS CASE IS ADDRESS FURNISHED SUFFICIENT WITHOUT YOUR NAME. NO. 38.

The following messages were sent to ONB on March 30, 1945:

HIGH AND ANDERSON BELIEVE MY MONEY ALREADY IN BRAZIL. I HESITATE TO NOW INFORM THEM MONEY IS IN PORTUGAL. ALSO FEAR A. WOULD NOT ACCEPT RISK INVOLVED IN RECORD TRANSFER. IN ANY EVENT I NO LONGER HAVE SAFE. NO. 119. CONTINUED.

CONTINUED. AND SPEEDY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH A. CONSEQUENTLY NO TIME COULD BE SAVED. REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT BRAZIL AGENT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. ADVISE. MORE ABOUT P-80 NEXT CONTACT. NO. 120.

The following message was sent to ONB on April 7, 1945:

WAR NEWS HERE DISASTROUS. RESIGNATION JAMES BYRNES, WAR MOBILIZER, CONSIDERED SINCE EUROPEAN WAR IS NEAR END. AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY SECURITY IF WAR ENDED SUDDENLY. SHOULD I CONTINUE WORK OR WILL YOU ADVISE ME. PLEASE RUSH TRANSMITTAL. WILL LISTEN TUESDAY. NO. 123.

The following message was received from ONB on April 10, 1945, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

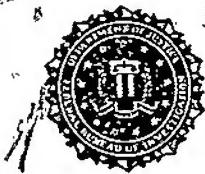
WE RECOMMEND FURTHER WORK IN THE OLD WAY AS LONG AS THERE IS A CONNECTION. ARE INSTITUTING PROVISION IN THE MANNER YOU PROPOSED. STILL CONSIDER THAT INSTRUCTION TO OUR BRAZIL REPRESENTATIVE MUST TAKE PLACE BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. TIME IS NECESSARY THEREFORE OUR QUESTION ABOUT DIRECT TRANSFER FROM PORTUGAL.

The following message was received on April 15, 1945:

IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION YOU MUST FIGURE ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SUPERVISION. INVIEWNEVERTHELESS PLEASE STAND BY FURTHER TO RECEIVE. IN CASE YOU CANNOT HEAR US, TRANSMIT MESSAGES ON HAND TO US BLIND. EACH GROUP DOUBLE. WE WILL TRY TO CONFIRM. NO. 10.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Communication #4996
VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

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ATTENTION: X SIS EUROPEAN DESK X(S)

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

RE: O PEASANT CASE
England - ESPIONAGE (G)

J. L. Davis
T. G. [Signature]

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 24, 1945, and Bureau letter of April 12, 1945, regarding the future handling of this case.

This is to advise that this aspect has previously been discussed on numerous occasions with the British authorities, both by Mr. Lynch and myself, and, as has already been reported, PEASANT'S mail is being surveilled and every reasonable action possible has been taken to curtail his activities. In addition thereto, I personally discussed this case and its pitfalls with the Bureau supervisor when in Washington during September 1944. (S)

Since the British are already doing everything possible to insure the successful deception operation of this case, it is not considered necessary to recontact them in this regard. It is to be pointed out that they have previously shown a willingness to cooperate with the Bureau and have suggested that the only other method which could prevent the compromising of this case would be by having PEASANT proceed to the United States. With regard to the possibility of PEASANT proceeding to the U. S. it is felt that some suitable pretext for such a journey could be developed. However, in view of recent military developments, it is considered inadvisable to do this at the present time. I am sure the Bureau is aware of the fact that it will be difficult in bringing PEASANT to the U. S. without assuming any responsibility to assist him and, in addition thereto, he would again, no doubt, revert to his former activities and begin blackmailing the Bureau as he has been doing to the British in view of his unique position. In addition (S)



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(U) thereto, he will be a constant source of worry and it is quite unlikely that he will be amenable to any kind of strict supervision by the Bureau. It is believed that it will be more profitable to let this case run as it is and should the case ultimately be compromised the loss of this deceptive scheme will not be too greatly felt by the Bureau. (S)

Very truly yours,

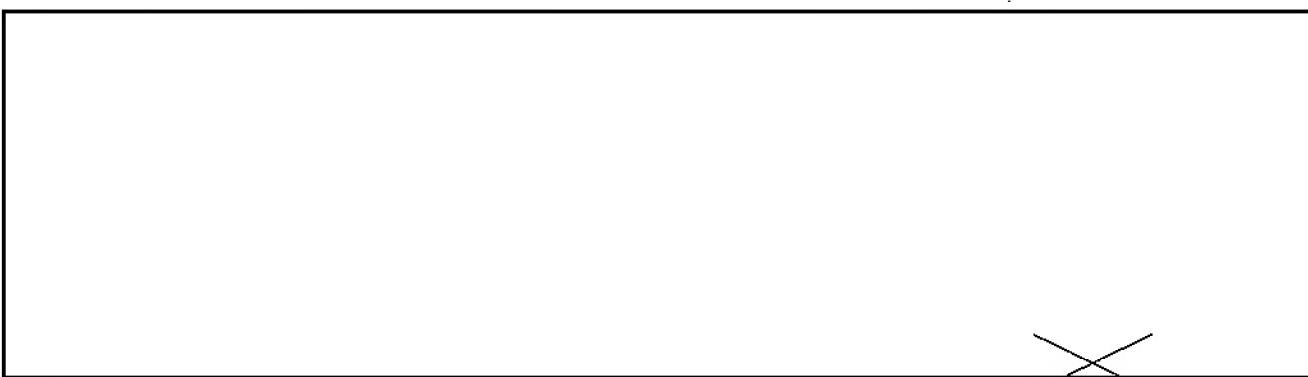
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J. A. Cimperman
Asst. Legal Attaché

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ADDENDUM:



(U) In the absence of any instructions to the contrary, no attempt will be made to reinterview PEASANT at the present time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. April 25, 1945 DEFERRED - RADIogram

Transmit the following message to:

MR. HEBER M. CLEGG
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

RECORDED PEASANT CASE. YOUR RADIogram APRIL 24, 1945. NOTHING IN FILES IDENTICAL
WITH CANDIDO FERREIRA. LISBON BEING REQUESTED TO FURNISH AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

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3:30 P.M.

Per

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
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F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 4-24-45 NR 982 5:40 PM EWT

CASE
PEASANT, APRIL 18 LAST STRECHT SENT CABLE TO CANDIDO FERREIRA,
RUA MIGUEL BOMBORDA 260, PORTO, PORTUGAL, ASKING IF LATTER INTERESTED
 IN IMPORTING SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES. ADVISE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON
 FERREIRA.

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*Cable Brazil
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*SIS-NYC
 FBI-BR*

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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SAC, Washington

April 23, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

① Peasant Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

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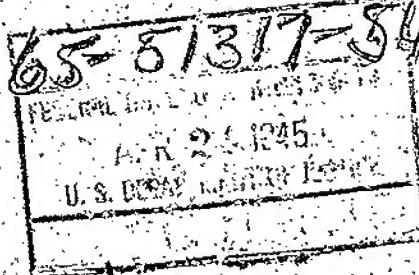
Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

Radio contact with QNB was unsuccessfully attempted on April 21, 1945. It is noted neither Natick nor Clinton had heard any known Hamburg transmissions for about 12 hours prior to Peasant's schedules.

In accordance with instructions, Bureau messages #126 and #127 were transmitted blind, each group being sent double.

QNB's frequency was monitored for many hours subsequent to the scheduled time with negative results.

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Peasant Case

Attention: B. A. Taylor

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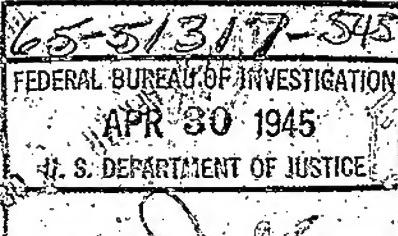
Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

On April 24, 1945, OMB called "QIU QUX THU" (I have nothing for you. I will stand by tomorrow). No attempt was made to contact him.

On April 25, 1945, OMB again indicated he had no traffic. Demonstrative of poor receiving conditions presently prevailing at Hamburg, he instructed Peasant to "SY Down" (Shift your frequency lower). No attempt at contact was made, and OMB was mistaking some other signal for Peasant.

On April 26, radio contact was established with OMB, with extremely poor signals on both sides. After transmitting 46 groups of message #128, contact was lost. OMB was last heard to say "QRX next" (I will stand by tomorrow). He did not indicate that he had traffic.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DGR:MEM

TO : MR. E. P. COFFEY
I. W. Conrad

FROM : I. W. Conrad

DATE: April 21, 1945

SUBJECT: German Radio Circuits

Rader St. T. 1945

Our Clinton and Natick monitors report the failure of QNB to appear for scheduled contact with Peasant at 10:30 a.m. on this date. No Hamburg circuits have been heard for the last twelve hours.

DOG-SCH (Koenigs Wusterhausen) is also silent, as is the CAR circuit. The circuits at Nauen are still active.

You will be kept advised of the termination of German radio circuits.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

65-51317

WMF:OMW

TO : MR. LADD
 FROM : W. M. FEDD
 SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
 ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: April 26, 1945

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As you know, Peasant previously advised the Germans that because payment had not been forthcoming he was forced to accept morning employment which would prevent him from being on the air any day except Saturday. He has regularly gone on the air Saturdays and has stayed away from work on some occasions to transmit to ONB. On Saturday, April 21, 1945, Peasant sent his message number 127 in which he advised that he would be on the air to send Thursday. The German station called Peasant on Tuesday requesting that he stand by on Wednesday. Because Peasant was at work he did not, of course, hear these transmissions. He did, however, go on the air Thursday as he had said he would, but although ONB could hear him, atmospheric conditions were not such that ONB could receive Peasant's message. ONB indicated however "QRX TMW" indicating that he wanted Peasant to come on the air Friday.

It is believed desirable that we should comply with the Germans' request for several reasons. In the first place, Peasant's messages planned for Thursday could be sent Friday which would permit traffic regularly planned for Saturday to be sent without delay. In the second place, it is believed desirable for us to maintain as frequent contact as possible so that we will "keep our fingers on the pulse" of the German Intelligence System at this time. It is also felt desirable to keep the circuit as active as possible so that it might be considered for retention by the German leaders who may be planning a Nazi underground.

Some slight risk of suspicion will be run by going on the air two additional days this week; however, Peasant has not previously shown a reluctance to stay away from work and in this instance he was specifically requested to be available on Friday.

Peasant's messages 126 and 127 were sent blind on Saturday, April 21, as Peasant was instructed. It is believed desirable that Peasant inquire at his next contact whether these messages were received. This can be done through the use of symbols which were furnished to Peasant by his principals - "17 and 18 OK?" This means: Did you receive messages 17 and 18 o.k.? It will be interesting to determine if these messages were received inasmuch as they were sent blind pursuant to Peasant's instructions. Actually, they were our messages numbers 126 and 127; however, the above are the fictitious plain text numbers which would be known to the German operator.

It is also believed desirable that Peasant conclude his next contact by sending "73". In the language of radio operators this means in effect: "Good luck. I hope you will get along all right." The Radio Section advises that Peasant's microfilm listing Q numbers did not contain the "73" expression; however, they say that it is in extremely common usage.

ACTION

If you approve, the Radio Section will be instructed to make contacts in this case on Friday, April 27, and to use the above indicated "Q numbers" in addition to the regularly scheduled traffic.

ORDERS 65-51317-547

HLD:wmw

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. April 25, 1945 CABLEGRAM - CIPHER PAD

Transmit the following message to: MR. DENNIS A. FLINN
LEGAL ATTACHE
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
LISBON, PORTUGAL

PEASANT CASE. STRECHT CABLED CANDIDO FERREIRA, RUA MIGUEL BOMBORDA 260,
PORTO, PORTUGAL APRIL 18, 1945 ASKING IF FERREIRA INTERESTED IN IMPORTING
SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES. NO INFORMATION FERREIRA IN FILES. FURNISH INFORMATION
AVAILABLE CONCERNING HIM.

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SENT VIA air mail at 2:11 P.M. Per KL

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Date: April 30, 1945
To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: Peasant Case

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Class. Attached are two magazines, the March, 1945 issue of "Aviation," and the April, 1945, issue of the "Journal of the American Chemical Society," for the use of Informant [redacted] in consolidating his position with Strecht.

These magazines have been cleared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other magazines are being secured for your possible future use.

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April 28, 1945

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

NO 34
The following messages are approved for transmission to OMB on Saturday, April 28, 1945:

A-148 WAVE FRIEND TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT SHE HAD OVERHEARD HER OFFICER SAY THAT THE EXTRA TIME BEING USED TO MOP UP THE PHILIPPINES COULD PROBABLY DELAY THE NEXT JOINT OPERATION.

B-474 CONTINENTAL MOTORS ANNOUNCED ITS SUBSIDIARY CONTINENTAL AVIATION AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION NOW IN LIMITED PRODUCTION OF NEW LIQUID COOLED ENGINE KNOWN AS I-1430. MOTOR IS TWELVE CYLINDER, SIXTY DEGREE INVERTED V TYPE AND DEVELOPS 2100 HORSEPOWER AT 3400 R.P.M. WEIGHT OF ONLY .69 POUNDS PER HORSEPOWER CLAIMED FOR ENGINE. WHEN CAN I EXPECT TRANSMITTAL TO ARRIVE IN SOUTH?

JCS has requested that A-148 be sent at the earliest possible date and for that reason it should be given priority.

The following message is approved for transmission during the first few days of May, 1945:

B-473 U. S. NAVAL AVIATION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO COST APPROXIMATELY THREE BILLION DOLLARS. NEW JET PROPELLED PLANES FOR NAVAL AIR FORCE WILL INCLUDE TORPEDO PLANES AND SEAPLANES IN ADDITION TO JET FIGHTERS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED ON A LARGE SCALE.

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5:30 MAY 1 1945
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

April 24, 1945

Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

Re: ^O PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

There are submitted hereafter two messages for submission to JCS as traffic in this case. If approved, it is suggested the first message set forth hereafter be transmitted to ONB on Saturday, April 28, 1945.

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CONTINENTAL MOTORS ANNOUNCED ITS SUBSIDIARY CONTINENTAL AVIATION AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION NOW IN LIMITED PRODUCTION OF NEW LIQUID COOLED ENGINE KNOWN AS I-1430. MOTOR IS TWELVE CYLINDER SIXTY DEGREE INVERTED V TYPE AND DEVELOPS 2100 H. P. AT 3400 R. P. M. WEIGHT OF ONLY .69 POUNDS PER H. P. CLAIMED FOR ENGINE.

Source: American Aviation, April 15, 1945, p. 82.

The following message is suggested as traffic for the following week on a date to be furnished the Bureau subsequently.

U. S. NAVAL AVIATION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO COST APPROXIMATELY THREE BILLION DOLLARS. NEW JET PROPELLED PLANES FOR NAVAL AIR FORCE WILL INCLUDE TORPEDO PLANES AND SEAPLANES IN ADDITION TO JET FIGHTERS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED ON A LARGE SCALE.

Source: American Aviation, April 15, 1945, p. 36.

4th Sac Washington Field Office 4/28/45
Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Ladd, Room VI742

DATE: April 28, 1945

FROM : E. P. Coffey

SUBJECT: Peasant Case
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Attached hereto are the translation and decipherment of a message received from Germany on April 28, 1945, in connection with the above-entitled case.

The original intercept and translation are being retained in the Code and Cipher File of the Laboratory.

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DECIPHERMENT:

ER. VIER ZWO, AUGENBLICKLICH VORDRINGLICHES INTERESSE AUCH AN POLITISCHEN
MELDUNGEN UND MILITAERISCHEN DISPOSITIONEN.

TRANSLATION:

NR. 42. AT PRESENT ALSO URGENT INTEREST IN POLITICAL REPORTS AND MILITARY
DISPOSITIONS.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the source of this information.

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Date: May 12, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Peasant Case

Please refer to Bureau letter dated April 7, 1945, copy to Lisbon, concerning correspondence between Odette Medeiros in Portugal and Manuel Pereira Gomes in Brazil referring to a certain Azevedo who was to continue his voyage on the "Serpa Pinto." In view of the possibility that this Azevedo is not identical with Antonio de Almeida Azevedo, a subject in this case, it is believed that it should be definitely established whether this Azevedo is identical with the subject before further inquiries are made.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Lisbon, Portugal
April 27, 1945

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 1149

~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Communication No. 1149

Attention: [] SIS European Desk (S)

Director, FBI

Re: PEASANT CASE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 7, 1945 to the Office of the Legal Attaché, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a copy of which was made available to this office.

A request was made for this office to identify ODETTE MEDEIROS of Praia de Espinho, Portugal in view of correspondence which he had with MANUEL PEREIRA GOMES of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, referring to a certain AZEVEDO who was stated to be a principal subject in this case. It was suggested that this certain AZEVEDO might be identical with ANTONIO de ALMEIDA AZEVEDO. This, in fact, may be true. However, the correspondence directed to Brazil made reference to the fact that the certain AZEVEDO referred to was to continue his voyage on the "Serpa Pinto".

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I will await further instructions in this case.

Very truly yours,

Dennis A. Flinn

DENNIS A. FLINN
L. A.

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TO : MR. COFFEY

DATE: April 24, 1945

FROM : I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: Peasant Case

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ONB was heard calling "QRU QRX TMW" (I have nothing for you. Stand by tomorrow.) on his regular scheduled time and frequency on April 24, 1945. You will recall that ONB was last heard on April 20, 1945.

In connection with the disappearance of some Hamburg circuits and the continuance of others, it is the unofficial opinion of the FCC that there are two separate sites in the Hamburg environs, and that ONB is probably located northeast of the city. While direction findings alone have not been able to demonstrate this fact, the FCC have closely studied the signals emanating from Hamburg and have concluded that two different power sources are used, which may indicate two different locations.

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11/16 The Clinton monitors assert that the transmitter heard today appeared to be the regular ONB transmitter. If this is true, it would appear that ONB is located northeast of Hamburg, and may be on the air for a little while longer.

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP

WASHINGTON

April 3, 1945.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: Mr. W. J. Powell.

Please refer to my letter of March 31, 1945 which covered the transmittal of a copy of CPSJ Third Party Memorandum No. 15 concerning Port Esp. b. Almeida Azevedo, who may be identical to Antonio Almeida Azevedo, an individual appearing on your Special Watch List. This letter stated that the San Juan Postal Station had intercepted relevant communications covered by submission slips SJ-58394, SJ-60813, SJ-FIN-13658 and SJ-FIN-13759. I am enclosing copies of these four items as I note that none have been allocated to your Bureau previously.

Letter to Clegg at Rio
cc - Flynn at Lisbon
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Enclosures:
As above.

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Pearson Case

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Sincerely yours,

EX-16
J. P. Wolgemuth,
Executive Liaison Officer

30 APR 5 1945

cc - Mr. W. M. Felt

Room 1643

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Date: ~~RECORDED~~ May 2, 1945

To: EX-16 Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Peasant Case

United States Censorship has submitted intercepted communications as a result of placing Almeida Azevedo on the Special Watch List, which appeared to be of interest and significance to this case. One of these intercept submissions pertains to a letter dated September 4, 1944, from Manuel Ribeiro da Silva, Agueda, Portugal, to Gloria Ribeiro, Ave. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana 1227, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The examiner's comments state that the cover which bears the rubber stamped address of Panificio Bijou, Agueda, Portugal, contains a letter from the sender to his ex-wife, advising her that by special favor Almeida Azevedo, who has already sailed for Rio, is the bearer of three hampers containing:

"50 bottles of red and white Port wine and liqueurs
1 bottle of oil
3 jugs of olives
4 tins of olives
1 photograph album
1 Saint Anthony.

"He would have liked to send her Salpicón, Cheese and Olive Oil, but their export is prohibited.

"Sender further states that Sr. Almeida Azevedo is also the bearer of Esc. 1150 to cover customs charges, any sum left over, he will turn over to Addressee. Sender states that he has had no news from Addressee relative to another remittance which he sent her by a carrier (EX: unidentified) who traveled by air. Sender expects to avail himself of Sr. Americo Brea, a partner of Seabra y Cia., who is sailing to Rio by Clipper in October, to send Addressee a small parcel. Abrantes (EX: unidentified) is employed by the above firm."

The files reflect that when Azevedo was interviewed at Trinidad in September, 1944, indicated that while on his visit to Portugal he had stayed for about two months with Manuel Ribeiro da Silva, owner of a bakery in Agueda, Portugal. Azevedo did not state his relationship with Ribeiro da Silva. The files contain no reference to Gloria Ribeiro P.M.

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A Censorship submission sheet was also furnished concerning a letter dated March 22, 1944, also from Ribeiro da Silva to Gloria Ribeiro in which he states, "By this time you must be in possession of the gold medals, undershirt, and snapshots I sent with a friend of mine who left for Brazil by airplane. Soon I will send you more and better things and the bearer will be Mr. Almeida Azevedo, the same gentleman who carried the bottle of wine for you. He came again to Portugal and will return to Rio one of these days."

Another submission sheet pertains to a letter dated March 8, 1944, from Jorge Correia Monteiro, R. Da Constitucao 379, Porto, Portugal, to Georgina Jorge Correia, c/o Guilherme Morais D'Almeida, R. Do Ouvidor 169 1º s/120, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The letter was composed of small notes signed Regininha, Jorge, Ruy and Fernando. In the note signed Regininha, acknowledgment is made of receipt of clothing sent by the addressee with Antonio de Almeida Azevedo and she adds that with the same courier she is planning to send "a small piece of work I am making for your room." In the note signed Jorge, the writer informs the addressee that with the same courier he will send the first aquarelle portrait made by him. In the note signed Ruy, the writer states that with Azevedo he will be sending her some presents and a few photos of the family. In a note signed Fernando, the addressee is informed that documents needed for the inventory made by "Mr. Morais" will be sent with a courier.

The Bureau files contain no other references to Jorge Correia Monteiro or Georgina Jorge Correia. It is suggested that Gloria Ribeira and Georgina Jorge Correia be identified and their connections with Azevedo be determined.

Lisbon should secure any information available concerning Manuel Ribeiro da Silva and Jorge Correia Monteiro.

Attention is called to the fact that the full name of Strecht, known German agent, is Acacio Agusto Strecht Ribeiro, and may be related to Manuel Ribeiro da Silva or Gloria Ribeiro.

cc - Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal
~~(SECRET - AIR COURIER)~~

cc - SIS European Desk
Room 2242

September 26, 1944 - cmv

Record No. SJ 58394
Page 2 of 2 pages

SJ FIN 15265-R (after excision) reports letter dated May 14, 1944
~~from Maria Emilia Ferreira Libairo, Rio de Janeiro to Carlota~~
~~Ferreira de Amaral, Casal Vasco, Portugal, acknowledging receipt~~
~~of a letter sent by Addressee with the wife of Antonio Almeida.~~

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and its extremely confidential character must be preserved. The information
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DIRECTOR OF CENSORSHIP, DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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POSTAL CENSORSHIP

RECORD No. SJ 60213

Page of pages.

FROM:
Odette Medeiros
Grande Hotel d'Espresso
Faria de Espresso
Portugal

TO:
Manuel Pereira Gomes
Fabrica de Papel
Jacarepagua, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil

LIST: None

LIST: None

Date of communication 2/21/45	Date of postmark 2/22/45	Kind of mail Air	Mail No. 908	Register No. 4920	Serial No.
Language Portuguese	Previously censored by None	Station distribution Dh THI (2) TOD	DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION		
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INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE CREW OF
THE S/S "SERPA PINTO" AS CARRIER FROM BRAZIL TO PORTUGAL

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1-Kirby
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Sender, in a letter to Addressee's wife, states (quoting translation):
"When you receive this letter, Azevedo (See Ex. Note) will have probably visited Manuel (Ex: Addressee). He (Ex: Azevedo) will continue his voyage on the 'Serpa Pinto'. I wanted to send you a remembrance but he (Ex: Azevedo) can not carry anything, not even a letter. I told him personally what I wanted him to repeat to you."

Sender further requests Addressee to send her various items including a valise, silk stockings and several other articles which are enumerated with Azevedo. (Quoting translation): "You must first ask Azevedo if he will be able to bring all of those things. He told me that he would be able to bring anything back here (Ex: to Portugal)".

EXAMINER'S NOTE:

SECURITY DIVISION
ROUTINE
Mr. Mumford
M.P.
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SJ 58394, G, from Manuel Ribeiro da Silva, Agueda, Portugal to Gloria Ribeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil dated Sept. 4, 1944; SJ FIN 13759, G, from Jorge Correia Monteiro, Porto, Portugal to Jorge Correia, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, dated March 8, 1944 and, SJ FIN 13658, h (after excision) from Manuel Ribeiro da Silva, Agueda, Portugal to Gloria Ribeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, dated March 22, 1944 report on the carrier activities of a Mr. Alvaro Azevedo, probably the same person as referred to above.

[Signature]
Letter to Clegg at Rio
cc - Flynn at Lisbon
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RECORD No. L-211-326
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FROM: Manuel Ribeiro Da Silva
Agueda,
Portugal

TO: D. Gloria Ribeiro
Avenida Nossa Senhora de Copacabana
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

LIST: None

LIST: None

Date of communication March 22, 1944	Date of postmark March 23, 1944		Kind of mail Air	Mail No.	Register No. 6607	Serial No. 5504
Language Portuguese	Previously censored by None		Station distribution April 18, 1944 DR T.M.I DIO-10 ND FIN-CIO		DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL COMMUNI- CATION H R (after excision) C RS Sent with comment to—	
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DR use only LK 4/23 2-IC 3-QSS 4-MIN 1-LHB 10 FBI-LW 3/31 RB	COMMENT TRAVELLER ACTING AS COULIER BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND BRAZIL (quoting translation): By this time you must be in possession of the gold medals, undershirt, and snapshots I sent with a friend of mine who left for Brazil by airplane. Soon I will send you more and better things and the bearer will be Mr. Almeida Azevedo, (unidentified) the same gentleman who carried the bottle of wine for you. He came again to Portugal and will return to his one of these days". (EX: This part was excised). Enclosures: 2 1. Photograph 1. Newspaper clipping
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*Letter to Clegg at Rio
cc - Fleiss at Lisbon
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RECORD No. SJ FIN 13759
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FROM: Regininha)
Jorge) (Signatures)
Iuy).
Fernando)
Jorge Correia Monteiro
R. Da Constitucao 379 (Return
Porto, Portugal Address)

LIST: None

TO: Georgina Jorge Correia
c/o Guilherme Moraes D'Almeida
R. Do Ouvidor 169 1^o s/120
Rio de Janeiro
Brazil

LIST: None

Date of communication	Date of postmark	Kind of mail	Mail No.	Register No.	Serial No.
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Language Portuguese	Previously censored by None	Station distribution DR TRI FIN-CIC DIO-10 ND		DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION H R C G RS	
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TRAVELLER USED TO TAKE DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS AND AQUARELLE
PORTAIT FROM PORTO, PORTUGAL TO RIO DE JANEIRO,
BRAZIL

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Letter is composed of small notes signed Regininha, Jorge, Iuy (EX: Addressee's children) and Fernando (EX: Addressee's brother-in-law).

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4-MEW
3-OSS
2-IC.
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In note signed Regininha, Writer acknowledges receipt of clothing sent by Addressee with Mr. Antonio de Almeida Azevedo, and she adds that with the same courier she is planning to send (quoting translation): "a small piece of work I am making for your room."

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In note signed Jorge, Writer informs Addressee that with the same courier he will send the first aquarelle portrait made by him.

In note signed Iuy, Writer states that with Mr. Antonio Almeida Azevedo he will be sending her some presents and a few photos of the family.

In note signed Fernando, Writer informs Addressee that with a courier, probably Mr. Almeida Azevedo, he will send the documents needed for the inventory made by Mr. Moraes.

Letter to Clegg at Rio
cc - Flynn at Lisbon
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SAC, Washington

May 1, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

① Peasant Case

Attention: W. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

On April 28, 1945, radio contact was established with OMB with fair signal strength on both sides. Bureau messages #128, #129, #130, and #131 were transmitted, and German message #42 was received.

No mention was made by Peasant or OMB of the blind transmission on April 21 of Bureau messages #136 and #137.

While OMB stated "QRX NXT" (I will stand by for you tomorrow), he failed to make appearance on April 29, or April 30, 1945.

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cc Mr. W. M. Felt

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~~SECRET - AIR COURIER~~

Date: May 2, 1945
To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
From: John Edgar Hoover → Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: PEASANT CASE

Attached are the January-February, 1945 and March-April, 1945 issues of the Magazine "Army Ordnance" for your possible use in developing position with Acacio Strecht.

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For your information, the Germans have exhibited great interest in the "Army Ordnance" Magazine, and the obtaining of these Magazines by [redacted] should enhance [redacted] in the eyes of Strecht and Strecht's German-superiors.

The forwarding of these Magazines has been cleared with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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VIA US ARMY AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

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Mr. H. J. Lynch
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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For record purposes, the Bureau desires to be advised of the disposition made of the funds originally supplied to Peasant by the Germans.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SAC, Washington Field
John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

May 8, 1945

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O PEASANT CASE

United States Censorship has furnished a Third Party Memorandum pertaining to a letter in Portuguese dated February 21, 1945, from Odette Medeiros, Grande Hotel d'Espinho, Praia de Espinho, Portugal, to Manuel Pereira Gomes, Fabrica de Papel, Jacarepaguá, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The letter mentions that a certain Azevedo was bringing verbal news from the sender to the addressees, and instructs the addressee to send various personal articles to the sender with Azevedo when he "continues his voyage on the Serpa Pinto", for Azevedo assured the sender "that he would be able to bring anything back here." It is possible that Azevedo is identical with Antonio de Almeida Azevedo, a principal subject in this case.

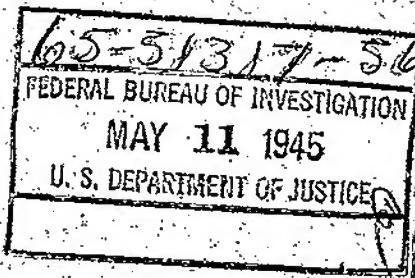
The Bureau files reflect no information concerning Odette Medeiros and nothing concerning Manuel Pereira Gomes. There are references to Manuel Gomes Pereira, Jr. who is third engineer on the SS Gil Eames, a Brazilian vessel that has called at the port of the City of Philadelphia on several occasions.

The Bureau's representative in Lisbon has been requested to identify Odette Medeiros to determine if this individual has any connection with instant case.

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 Mr. Ladd Send File
 Mr. Coffey Bring file up-
 Mr. Rosen to-date
 Mr. Clegg Search, serial-
 Mr. Glavin ize, and route
 Mr. Nichols Reading Room
 Mr. Tracy Mechanical Section
 Mr. Hendon
 Mr. Pennington
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Mr. Nease Call me re this
 Mr. Welch Note and return
 Miss Gandy

- Miss Stalcup Stamp and mail
 Miss Conlon Prepare tickler
 Call these files
 File

 See Me

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Edward A. Tamm

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 10, 1945

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

ESPIONAGE - G

(Bureau file 65-51317)

This refers to Bureau letter dated April 27, 1945 requesting that a copy of a recent issue of "The Welding Engineer" magazine be secured and forwarded to the Bureau.

The April, 1945 issue of this magazine was secured through the office of G. H. MAC KENZIE, 506 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and is enclosed herewith.

c.c. - (1) Washington Field

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
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 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn-Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
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F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

DECODED COPY

FROM RIO DE JANEIRO

5-5-45

NR 996

1:42 PM EWT

Brazil Report

XCopy

① PEASANT CASE. DUE TO CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF STRECHT WITH INFORMANT [REDACTED] IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE FORMER CAN BE MADE DOUBLE AGENT. NO OVERTURES WILL BE MADE UNLESS YOU SO INSTRUCT.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

HLD:MJD

May 8, 1945

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

RADIOGRAM TO
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
CIPHER PAD 65-51317-566 The American Embassy
RECORDED b2
FRASAT CASE. BY YOUR RADIogram May 5, 1945, STATING POSSIBLE STRECHT CAN BE MADE
TO DOUBLE AGENT STRECHT [REDACTED] AUTHORIZATION GRANTED PROVIDED THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT
JEOPARDIZING DOUBLE AGENT OPERATION OF FRASAT IN THE UNITED STATES. NO INDICATION
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STRECHT THAT WE HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN ESPIONAGE AND
PARTICULARLY GOLESCHMIDT. IF STRECHT IS MADE DOUBLE AGENT HE SHOULD BE INTERROGATED
IN DETAIL CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN ESPIONAGE DURING WHICH HE SHOULD REVEAL
ANY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS CONCERNING GOLESCHMIDT AND PARTICULARLY ANY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS
CONCERNING REPORTS TO GET MONEY TO GOLESCHMIDT.

cc - W. M. Felt
Room 1643

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Landford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

SENT VIA Bureau Radio 45 10 A.M.

Per

MK

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

65-51317

R.C. W. M. FELT

HLD:MAD

Room 1643"

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. C. H. CARSON

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: May 8, 1945

Mr. Tolson
Mrs. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Seaman
Miss Gandy

Brazil - Cap. D
X Cap. Portugal - Cap. D

We have received a radiogram from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil advising that due to the close association of Acacio Strecht, known German agent in Rio de Janeiro, with Informant [redacted] it is

possible that Strecht can be turned into a double agent. However, no overtures will be made in that direction unless the Bureau so instructs. Strecht is being carried in the Peasant Case because it is believed likely that Strecht is the German agent who was to aid in effecting an espionage payment to Peasant (Hellmuth Siegfried Goldschmidt) in New York. The Germans have been trying for a considerable period time to arrange a payment to Goldschmidt. Strecht's address in Portugal was one of the drops originally furnished to Goldschmidt although in a corrupted form. Strecht came to Rio de Janeiro from Portugal in September, 1944, at about the time initial efforts to effect a payment to Goldschmidt were begun. It was known from [redacted]

[redacted] that two unknown German agents were coming to Rio de Janeiro on the boat that Strecht came on, and by correlation of information we had from [redacted] and from the Goldschmidt Case Strecht was identified as one of the agents, and this identification has now been confirmed by information received from Portugal. A second agent is believed to be Almeida Azevedo who came to Rio de Janeiro with Strecht and is a close friend of his. Azevedo is known to have been in contact with the Germans from HDZ decodes.

[redacted] Informant in this case, has been very reliable and effective and was in a large part responsible for the identification of a number of German agents connected with radios in Brazil which were exposed in 1942. He has become very friendly with Strecht and Strecht has indicated to him that he would like copies of United States technical magazines. Some such magazines, cleared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have been sent to Rio de Janeiro so that [redacted] may consolidate his position with Strecht.

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A conference was held with the espionage supervisor handling the Peasant Case in the United States and the conclusion was reached that it be recommended that the Rio de Janeiro Office be instructed to attempt to make Strecht a double agent. This can be done without compromizing the operation of Goldschmidt as a notional agent; first because Rio de Janeiro has not been furnished with any of the details concerning Goldschmidt other than his name and the fact that recently the Germans expected to send a large amount of money to him through Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro can be instructed that if Strecht becomes a double agent that they should thoroughly question him as to his knowledge concerning German espionage and not reveal to him any information we have concerning German espionage and particularly concerning Goldschmidt. In that case, if Strecht does know anything about the payment

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to Goldschmidt he would probably volunteer it during the detailed interrogation. Now that the war with Germany is over, it is believed that we can afford to be more aggressive in a case of this type. While we might obtain information from Strecht through our Informant without making him a double agent, the amount of information probably would not be as great as the amount Strecht himself would furnish on a detailed interrogation. Further, the Brazilian Government probably would not take any drastic action against Strecht in any event since the war is now over. There is attached for your approval a suggested radiogram to Rio de Janeiro.

Attachment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

EPC:EH

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

FROM : MR. E. P. COFFEY

SUBJECT: GERMAN CLANDESTINE CIRCUITS

DATE: May 3, 1945

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We have not heard the Hamburg control station handle any of its German clandestine espionage circuits since yesterday. Specifically, they failed to meet their scheduled contact this morning in the Peasant Case at 10:30 A.M. EWT. In other words they appear to be "off the air."

We are still hearing DAN the German Naval transmitter at Norddich (on the North Sea) and this station does handle some clandestine traffic.

We also are still hearing today HBG a German clandestine control station. British and U. S. Coast Guard authorities have previously told us that station is located in the Hamburg area. However, we have previously had our doubts of this location principally because of the fact that some of the operators talk French in their chatter. Therefore, we do not know the exact location of this station.

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American Embassy
London, England
May 3, 1945

Communication #5062
VIA U.S. ARMY COURIER SERVICE

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK *[initials]*

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C. *[redacted]*
CAUTION - THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE
SENT OUT OF BUREAU LINE QUARTERS WITHOUT
THE PERSONAL APPROVAL OF MR. D. M. LADD.

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto for the information of the
Bureau an enclosure *[redacted]*

[redacted] which presently is unintelligible but which
may be of some significance to the Bureau. In the event
there is any further information in *[redacted]* re-
garding this matter, the Bureau will be immediately informed. b7D

Since *[redacted]* it is urgently requested that same be treated
strictly confidential and not distributed to any other
agency, particularly *[redacted]*

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, a copy of this
letter is not being retained in the files of this office. *[initials]*

Very truly yours,

RECORDED
J. [initials]
Asst. Legal Advisor

65-31317-568
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 16 1945
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CAUTION

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[initials]

PARAPHRASED TO PROTECT THE SOURCE *[initials]*
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Cc. W. M. Felt

~~MEMO~~
TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

May 11, 1945

g.v.
Transmit the following message to:

Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

RADIOGRAM - URGENT
CIPHER PAD

PEASANT CASE. RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY 10, 1945. SENTENCE BEGINNING

"NO INDICATION" SHOULD READ "NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STRECHE THAT WE HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES ON PART OF GOLDSCHMIDT." PARTICULAR CARE SHOULD BE MADE NOT TO REVEAL GOLDSCHMIDT'S DOUBLE AGENCY.

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Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Candy

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SENT VIA Bureau Radio

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

HLD:NJB

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 11, 1945

Transmit the following message to: MR. HEBER M. CLEGG
 RADIOGRAM - URGENT
 IN CIPHER PAD THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

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PEASANT CASE. IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

ADVISED ON [REDACTED]

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APRIL 28, 1945 THAT THE GERMANS IN LISBON ADVISED THEIR HEADQUARTERS THAT TWO LETTERS FROM RIO OF FEBRUARY 8 AND 23 HAD ARRIVED. THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT WITH "GEORGE" AND THAT "TAYLORS" WOULD NOT BE IN RIO AGAIN UNTIL APRIL. "GEORGE" AND "TAYLORS" ARE PROBABLY COVER NAMES UNIDENTIFIABLE FROM FILES. SUGGEST HAVING [REDACTED] ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE WHAT LETTERS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY STRECHT AND ANY COVER NAMES STRECHT USES OR KNOWS ABOUT. DO NOT REVEAL [REDACTED] INFORMATION TO [REDACTED] OR TO ANYONE ELSE.

(For the record)

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 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Carson
 Mr. Hendon
 Mr. Bradford
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Gandy

SENT VIA

Cablegram

Date May 11, 1945

5 P.M.

Per MK

65-51317-570

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cc Miss Costin
Mr. Martin

65-51317-572

SAC, Washington Field

May 12, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

INFO:GAB

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PEASANT CASE

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPT JAL 1857 0611

Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1945.

The following message is authorized for transmission to Germany on
May 12, 1945:

B-506: PRESENT PLANS FOR POSTWAR CONTROL OF GERMANY WOULD ASSIGN UNITED STATES FORCES TO SOUTHERN GERMANY INCLUDING BAVARIA AND PART OF AUSTRIA, RUSSIA TO AREA EAST OF RIVER, AND BRITAIN THE REMAINDER. UNITED STATES WILL USE NEW FIFTEENTH ARMY AND PARTS OF EIGHTH AND NINTH AIR FORCES FOR OCCUPATION FORCES.

The message suggested beginning, "Opinion of various observers and analysts....." is not believed to be suitable for use in this circuit and was not sent to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for clearance.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. J. Clegg
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Vohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Henrich
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn, Tamm
Mr. Poole
Miss Parsons
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United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Division
May 8, 1945

MAT:HS
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

There are submitted hereafter two proposed messages for transmittal to station OMB. It is requested that they be presented for clearance to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In the event both are approved the first message will be transmitted on Saturday May 12, 1945 and the second will be sent during the following week on a date to be designated later.

To be transmitted Saturday, May 12, 1945

OPINION OF VARIOUS OBSERVERS AND ANALYSTS APPEARS TO BE THAT DESPITE OBSTACLES INCLUDING DIFFICULTIES IMPOSED BY RUSSIAN DEMANDS THE PEACE CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO WILL OBTAIN SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS IN CREATING WORLD SECURITY ORGANIZATION HAVING JUSTICE AS CORNERSTONE. ALL NATIONS SEEM DETERMINED NOT TO ALLOW THE CONFERENCE TO FAIL. YET IT WILL TAKE MUCH PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO MAINTAIN HARMONY AMONG BIG THREE ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES.

(Source: Cross section of news comment.)

To be transmitted during week May 13, 1945

THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION HERE ON POSTWAR CONTROL OF GERMANY. TENTATIVE DIVISION WOULD ASSIGN US FORCES TO POLICE SOUTHWEST GERMANY INCLUDING BAVARIA AND PART OF AUSTRIA. RUSSIA TO POLICE AREA EAST OF ELBE AND BRITAIN REMAINDER.

(Source: Washington Daily News May 7, 1945)

INDICATIONS ARE US ARMY WILL MAINTAIN LARGE AIR FORCE DRAWN FROM EIGHTH AND NINTH AIR FORCES TO INSURE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER.

(Source: Washington Evening Star May 7, 1945).

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Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

65-51317

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D-35962 AT

May 16, 1945

MEMORANDUM - LABORATORY REPORT

RE: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from Rio de Janeiro on April 25, 1945 for examination.

Kc6 Photostatic copy of page of handwriting in the purported known handwriting of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO.

Also Submitted Photostatic copy of page 20 of the "Jornal Do Brasil-Domingo 29 de Outubro de 1944" newspaper.
Negatives of: Eleven photostatic copies of paper bearing the heading "Desenho Geometrico".
Two photostatic copies bearing the heading "Hobario de Trens e Onibus" and "Yale Bonnucesso".

Specimen Kc6 was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File but no identification was effected. Suitable photographic copies of this material will be added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimen Kc6 is being retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory.

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Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Acers _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Starke _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
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SAC, Washington

May 7, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

① Peasant Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

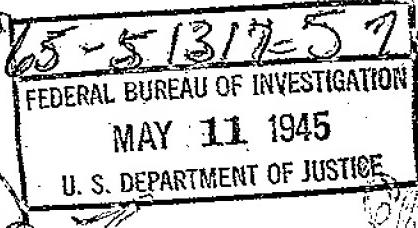
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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory
of the Bureau in the above case. *ml*

CHE failed to make his scheduled appearance on May 5, 1945, at which time
the European station transmitted message #133, blind, double.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Division, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

May 15, 1945

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

① RE: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

There is submitted hereafter a proposed message for transmission to JCS. If approved, this message will be transmitted to associate station ONB on Saturday, May 19, 1945.

To be transmitted May 19, 1945:

U. S. ARMY WHICH EXCEEDS EIGHT MILLION MEN WILL BE REDUCED AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEPLOY THIS GREAT FORCE AGAINST JAPAN. MORE THAN ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILLION TROOPS HAVING EXTENSIVE SERVICE OVERSEAS WILL BE DISCHARGED ON POINT SYSTEM. OVER HALF OF TROOPS IN EUROPE WILL BE SENT TO PACIFIC THEATER VIA U. S. RECEIVING FURLoughS AT HOME. REMAINDER WILL GO TO PACIFIC DIRECTLY AFTER RECEIVING PACIFIC BATTLE TRAINING IN EUROPE. (Source: Time Magazine, 5-14-45, Pages 34, 36.) NONE WHO FOUGHT IN AFRICA AND EUROPE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE IN PACIFIC THEATER. (Source: Washington Star 5-14-45.) REPORTED THAT NEW FIFTEENTH ARMY UNDER GENERAL GEROW WILL POLICE GERMANY FOR U. S. (Source: Time Magazine 5-14-45, Pages 34, 36.)

It is noted that all of the above message was taken from Time Magazine dated May 14, 1945, with the exception of one sentence, "none who fought in Africa and Europe will be required to serve in Pacific Theater."

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 24, 1945

FROM : W. M. Felt

WMF:CAB
65-51317

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

(Helmuth Siegfried Goldschmidt)

Coverage in this case includes investigation in Rio de Janeiro concerning Acacio Augusto Strecht, Sibeiro, a known German agent. On October 10, 1944, Strecht addressed the following message to Elvira Rodriguez, Largo do Cadouco, Foz do Douro, Portugal:

"ARRIVED WELL. COMPLIMENTS AND BEST WISHES."

In view of the strong possibility that this is an espionage report to a mail drop indicating Strecht's safe arrival in Rio de Janeiro, it is believed desirable that the above name and address be placed on the Censorship Watch List.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Liaison Section so that appropriate arrangements for watch list coverage can be made.

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WWW:SGH

SAC, Washington

May 12, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

① PEASANT CASE

Attention: Mr. M. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

An attempt was made on May 12, 1945, at the regular scheduled time to contact the control station in this case. The control station was not heard; however, the Bureau station transmitted messages #134 and #135 blind.

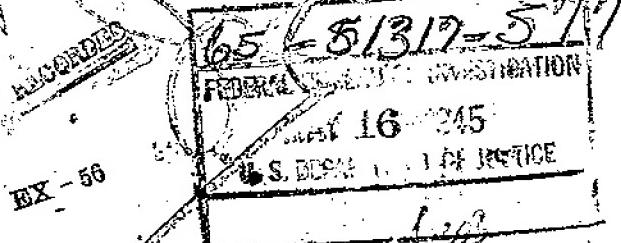
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SAC, Washington

May 19, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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 PEASANT CASE
 ESPIONAGE - G

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Pursuant to your letter dated March 15, 1945, you are authorized to transmit the following message to OMB on May 19, 1945:

B-517

U. S. ARMY WILL BE REDUCED FROM EIGHT MILLION TO SIX AND THREE QUARTERS MILLION BY DISCHARGING TROOPS HAVING EXTENSIVE OVERSEAS SERVICE. MORE THAN HALF OF TROOPS PRESENTLY IN EUROPE WILL BE SENT TO PACIFIC THEATER VIA THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE FURLoughS. REMAINDER WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO PACIFIC AFTER RECEIVING PACIFIC BATTLE TRAINING IN EUROPE. NONE WHO FOUGHT IN BOTH AFRICA AND EUROPE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE IN PACIFIC THEATER.

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 Mr. Hendorf
 Mr. Pennington
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 Miss Gandy

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WWW:SGH

SAC, Washington

May 21, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

Attention: M. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case. *ml*

On May 19, 1945, radio contact was attempted with ONB. The Bureau station listened for ONB for the first five minutes of the scheduled contact, but did not hear the control station. The Bureau station then transmitted message #136 blind, after which a search was made for the control station. Since the control station was not heard after a few minutes, the Bureau station again went on the air and transmitted message #137 blind. A search was again conducted for the control station, but after not hearing the control station, the Bureau station signed off the air at 1527 GMT.

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MAY 22 P.M.

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GAC, Philadelphia

May 18, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: WITH ALIAS

"Greyhound"

REFERENCE - G

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Information has been received from [redacted] to the effect that an unknown German agent whose code name is Greyhound departed from Lisbon, Portugal, en route to Philadelphia on December 13, 1944.

No identifying data concerning Greyhound is available; however, there is considerable indication that his mission may have been to bring funds to the United States for Peasant, a double agent operated by the Bureau. Peasant was advised that his money was disseminated by carrier during the "middle" of December, and in addition it is known that the same individuals were interested in Greyhound as are interested in Peasant.

The Philadelphia Office is instructed to carefully review the arrival records to identify any ship which left Lisbon, Portugal, on or about December 13, 1944, en route to Philadelphia either directly or via other points. The Philadelphia Office should also review its files for any information which may be helpful in determining the identity of Greyhound or for any incidents at Foreign Travel Control panels, which may have significance in light of the above information.

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Washington Field Office, which is the office of origin, in the Peasant Case.

cc - Washington

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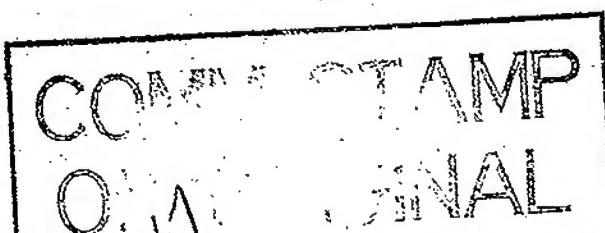
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Mr. Carson
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May 26, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EX- 12 PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - GPERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Pursuant to your letter dated May 22, 1945, you are authorized to transmit the following messages blind on Saturday, May 26, 1945:

WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM SOUTH CONCERNING TRANSMISSION.
 CAN YOU ADVISE ABOUT MONEY AND INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTINUING
 WORK HERE BY LETTER?

(U) B-526 TENSION HERE OVER TRIESTE SITUATION HAS EASED FOLLOWING
 WITHDRAWAL OF TITO FORCES FROM CARINTHIA AND STYRIA. (S)

The following messages are authorized for transmission blind on Saturday, June 2, 1945:

(U) B-527 WAVE FRIEND ADVISES U. S. NAVY HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL CARRIERS TO PROSECUTE PACIFIC WAR AND IS EMPLOYING NEW WORKERS TO SPEED COMPLETION OF LARGE FLEET CARRIERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. (S)

(U) B-525 FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGES BIDAULT HAS ANNOUNCED HERE GENERAL DE GAULLE WILL MEET PRESIDENT TRUMAN AT FUTURE TIME UPON EXPRESS REQUEST OF TRUMAN. (S)

(U) B-524 AMERICAN FIRST ARMY UNDER GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES IS ON MOVE AND WILL SEE ACTION AGAINST JAPAN AFTER TROOPS RECEIVE FURLough IN U.S. (S)

The message beginning "Considerable number U.S. warships damaged...." is being cancelled at the request of JCS.

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 Mr. Rosen
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 Mr. Cerson
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Hendon
 Mr. Pennington
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Gandy

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

May 22, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: ^O PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

There are submitted hereafter several proposed messages for future transmittal to associate station ONB. It is requested those messages deemed suitable by the Bureau be submitted to JCS for approval.

In the event approval is given, it is planned to transmit the first four messages listed hereafter on Saturday, May 26, 1945.

(U) B-527 WAVE FRIEND ADVISES U. S. NAVY HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL CARRIERS TO PROSECUTE PACIFIC WAR AND IS EMPLOYING NEW WORKERS AND EXHORTING SHIPBUILDERS TO SPEED COMPLETION OF LARGE FLEET CARRIERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. (S)

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(U) B-525 FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGES BIDAUDET HAS ANNOUNCED HERE GENERAL DE GAULLE WILL MEET PRESIDENT TRUMAN AT FUTURE TIME UPON EXPRESS REQUEST OF TRUMAN. (S)

Source: New York Times, May 22, 1945

HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM SOUTH OF TRANSMISSION. CAN YOU ADVISE ABOUT MONEY AND INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTINUING WORK HERE BY LETTER?

(Administrative)

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B-524 AMERICAN FIRST ARMY UNDER GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES IS ON MOVE AND WILL SEE ACTION AGAINST JAPAN AFTER TROOPS RECEIVE FURLough IN U. S. (S) 27

Source: New York Times, May 22, 1945.

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Director

May 22, 1945

(U) *B-523* / CONSIDERABLE NUMBER U. S. WARSHIPS DAMAGED IN WATERS AROUND
OKINAWA MOSTLY LIGHT UNITS. AS A RESULT REPAIR FACILITIES
WEST COAST OPERATING FULL CAPACITY (S)

Source: Drew Pearson broadcast, May 20, 1945.

Very truly yours,

Guy HotteL
GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

ESPIONAGE - G

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter dated May 5, 1945, from the Bureau's representative in London concerning the disposition of the funds which were originally supplied to Peasant by the Germans.

Enclosure

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
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United States Department of Justice *us*
Washington, D. C.

American Embassy
London, England
May 25, 1945

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK *[initials]* VIA U.S. ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

RE: *100:trig* PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE (G)

Speltz
H. L. Davis

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 1, 1945, in the above case in which it was requested that the Bureau be advised as to the disposition made of the funds originally supplied to Peasant by the Germans.

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Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman

J. A. Cimperman
Asst. Legal Attache

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DGB:SGH

TO : MR. COFFEY

FROM : I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: German Radio Activity
Peasant Case

DATE: May 22, 1945

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Nevin _____
 Mr. Dodd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Zohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Bishop _____
 Miss Gandy _____

On May 22, 1945, a station sounding like ONB started sending V's on ONB's schedule. He continued for nearly 5 hours. He was best heard on the South Rhombic.

The nature, nationality, and location of this station is unknown, but our monitors are continuing to watch in an endeavor to obtain more information on him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MR. DAVIS
MR. FEIT
SIS COPY

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

May 28, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

Mr. D. A. Flinn
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal

CABLE IN CIPHER PAD

Get info

PEASANT CASE. STRECHT CABLED MAY 22 TO MARIA TAVENA BELEZA, RUA BOAVISTA 285, PORTO, PORTUGAL "FELIZ ANIVERSARIO ABRACOS." THIS ADDRESS WAS DROP ADDRESS GIVEN PEASANT USING NAME STRECHT. IF POSSIBLE ASCERTAIN STRECHT'S CONNECTIONS WITH BELEZA FAMILY.

*SIS copy
detached*

for
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Rease
Miss Gandy

50 JUN 11 1945

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SENT VIA Cable

WJP:edm

May 28, 1945

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Mr. Byron Price
Director of Censorship
Federal Trade Commission Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

Attention: Mr. Philip Holzmann

O Peasant Case

Reference is made to an original communication forwarded this Bureau by your office addressed to Adolfo Stroelt, Consulado do Portugal, Rio de Janeiro, from Candido Ferreira, Rua Miguel Bombardo 260, Porto, Portugal. This letter was postmarked April 20, 1945.

The original communication was subjected to objective tests by this Bureau's laboratory which necessarily resulted in mutilation, and the original mutilated content is attached. You will recall that the mutilation was forwarded to you on May 24, 1945, with the request that it be passed, and you were informed at the time that the laboratory estimation on the original communication was negative.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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by special messenger W. S.
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Mr. Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn-Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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SAC, Washington

May 29, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: H. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case. *(Radio) [initials]*

Due to the continued silence of OMB, Bureau messages #138 and #139 were transmitted blind, on May 26, 1945.

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

53 JUN 10 1945

cc - Mr. Felt

HLD:AK

~~SECRET~~ - Air Courier

Date: May 26, 1945

To: Mr. H. M. Cleag
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover -- Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PLASANT CASE

Attached is the April, 1945, issue of the magazine "The Welding Engineer" in which the Germans had exhibited a great interest. This magazine has been passed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and may be utilized by your office in the development of this case.

It is realized that probably the end of the war in Europe has nullified the German's interest in this type of information, but on the possibility that it may be required in the future being forwarded.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DGB:SGH

TO : MR. COFFEY

FROM : I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: German Radio Activity
Peasant Case

DATE: May 23, 1945

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Seaborn
Miss Gardner

Reference is made to my memorandum of May 22, 1945, in which I reported that a station sounding like ONB started sending V's on ONB's schedule and frequency, which he continued for 5 hours.

Mr. G. E. Sterling, RID, FCC, today advised D. G. Bardin that the subject station was heard by the FCC on the reported transmission, and subsequent thereto. Sterling advises that this station was transmitting simultaneously on 13703 and 16350 kilocycles. Later in the evening he reappeared calling IRO RI NI and signing TO TI RI NU (Kana Code).

Sterling advised that DF bearings definitely placed this station in Japan.

You will recall that once before the Bureau received Japanese signals on the South Rhombic, which caused some temporary confusion until the matter was later clarified by information received from the FCC. Such phenomena are relatively rare, as it means that the Japanese signals traversed the globe "the other way around", during the period which our monitors heard it from the South.

The possibility that the Japanese are attempting to contact Peasant is extremely remote in view of the simultaneous transmission on two frequencies, one of which is unknown to Peasant, plus the fact that the Japanese made no attempt to contact anyone during the 5 hour period he was heard sending V's.

The matter has been discussed with the Security Division, and it has been determined to watch this station closely on ONB's schedules. If he gives indication of trying to contact Peasant, or reappears often on ONB's schedules, consideration will be given by the Security Division to have Peasant establish contact.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that a copy of this memorandum be forwarded to the Security Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEMR. DAVIS
MR. FELT
SIS COPY

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

May 28, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

Mr. H. M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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RADIOGRAM IN CIPHER PAD

URGENT

PEASANT CASE. RE YOUR RADIOGRAM MAY 24, 1945. PEASANT REPORTED AS DRGP "AUGUSTO STRECHT, RUA RIBEIRO, SOAVISTA 285, PORTO, PORTUGAL" BUT EITHER GERMANS OR PEASANT WERE MISTAKEN AS TO EXACT ADDRESS AS INVESTIGATION PORTUGAL REVEALED NO STREET RUA RIBEIRO BUT DID REVEAL RUA SOAVISTA AND AT NUMBER 285 RESIDED ARTHUR BELEZA WASCONCELOS. IT WAS BELIEVED THIS ADDRESS WAS STRECHT'S ADDRESS WHEN HE WAS IN PORTUGAL. PORTUGAL ADVISED OF CABLE.

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Handon _____
 Mr. Bradford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Miss Quinn Tamm _____
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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 5-24-45 NR 43 5:53 PM EWT

PEASANT CASE. ON MAY 22 INSTANT STRECHT CABLED TO MARIA TEREZA BELEZA, RUA BOAVISTA 285, PORTO, PORTUGAL, SAYING QUOTE FELTZ ANIVERSARIO ABRACOS. UNQUOTE NO RECORD OF ADDRESSEE HERE.

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This is
stamps added
stamps on draft
prior to Peasant. ~~Indigenous~~ ~~peasant~~ ~~peasant~~
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

cc - European Desk, Rm. 2202 (Lisbon)

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6-2317-597

Date: June 1, 1945

To: Robert W. GLOVER
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: REAGANT CASE
EX-20000 - 6

Attached is a copy of a Laboratory Report dated May 25, 1945, setting forth the results of an examination of a letter dated April 26, 1945, from Candido Ferreira, Porto, Portugal, to Streett in Rio de Janeiro. This letter apparently is in reply to the cable Streett sent to Petreira relative to suspicious stamp.

The Lisbon office will furnish any available information concerning

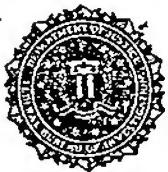
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Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy *M A* ✓ *EML* Attaché _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Henderson _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gardner _____
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MEB:RS

May 25, 1945

MEMORANDUM - LABORATORY REPORT

RE: PEASANT CASE

Brasil ESPIONAGE - G

Portugal - Esp - G

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Esp Mr. Coffey X _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____
Dafe

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1945.

for Brazil
Q44 Envelope, typewritten address "Exmo. Senhor ACACIO STRECHT CONSULADO DE PORTUGAL RIO DE JANEIRO", return address on reverse side "CANDIDO FERREIRA RUA MIGUEL BOMBARDA, 260 PORTO PORTUGAL", postmarked on reverse side "PORTO-CENTRAL 26 ABR. 4520H 4 SECTOR".
Q44

for
Q45 Accompanying typewritten letter dated "Porto, 26 de Abril de 1945", beginning: "Meu caro amigo Recebi o seu...", bearing handwritten signature "Candido Ferreira".
Q45

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens Q44 and Q45 was not prepared on any of the previous typewriters used in this case.

Specimens Q44 and Q45 were searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File but no identification was effected. Suitable photographic copies of this material have been added to this file for future reference and comparison.

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Examination of the letter and envelope, Q44 and Q45, for the presence of photographically concealed messages was made, with negative results.

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In connection with the cryptanalytic examination of specimens Q44 and Q45 it was noted that the various types of stones listed in the letter specimen Q45 may have a double-meaning significance. However, no definite interpretation can be made at this time. It is further noted that mention is made of "samples"; "samples received" was the cover phrase given to Peasant by his principals for use as acknowledgment of their first message to him and "samples" was also used in the cover text of a secret writing letter received by Peasant. A translation of specimen Q45 is attached hereto.

The above specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

Specimen Q45 was given exhaustive testing for secret ink and therefore it was necessary to simulate this document. The original envelope Q44, the original letter Q45, and the simulation of specimen Q45 were returned to the office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on May 23, 1945. Photographic copies of specimens Q44 and Q45 have been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

ADDENDUM:

J. P. H. - Censorship
Specimens Q44, Q45 and the simulation of specimen Q45 were returned to Supervisor H. L. Davis on May 23, 1945 for appropriate disposition. The exhaustive treatment and simulation of specimen Q45 was done at the request of Supervisor Harvey L. Davis. Mr. Davis advised that specimens Q44, Q45 and the simulation of specimen Q45 are being sent to Censorship with the request that Censorship pass the simulation. Photographic copies of specimens Q44 and Q45 are attached hereto for inclusion in the Bureau's files.

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TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

Porto, April 26, 1945

Hon. Mr. Acacio Strecht
Portuguese Consulate
Rio de Janeiro

My dear friend

I received your telegram which I appreciated a great deal. The business which you propose to me is interesting.

Would it be possible to send me small samples of rubies, emeralds, sapphires, topazes, aqua marines, blues, whites?

If so you can send these stones air mail to Cobrança. As I tell him the business may be interesting since his price may be compensative. So I hope you will send these small samples as soon as possible as well as the respective prices so that I may study the possibility of the deal more fully.

I wish you much happiness, sending you a firm embrace, your true and respectful friend,

/s/ Candido Ferreira
Rua Miguel Bombarda, 26º
Porto, Portugal

TRANSLATED: R. Costin
5-17-45

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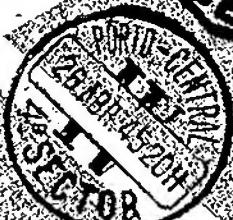
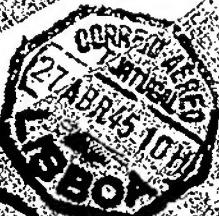
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RIO DE JANEIRO

Remete:

CARDIDO FERREIRA
RUA MIGUEL BOMBARDA, 260

L. PORTO
PORTUGAL



Porto, 26 de Abril de 1945

Exmo. Sr. ACACIO STRECHT
CONSULADO DE PORTUGAL
RIO DE JANEIRO

Meu caro amigo

Recebi o seu telegrama que muito agradeço.

O negócio que me propõe interessa.

Será possível enviar-me uma pequena amostra de RUBIS, ESMERALDAS, SAFIRAS, TOPAZIOS, AGUAS MARINHAS, AZUES, BRANCAS?

No caso afirmativo pode mandar por avião estas Pedras à Cobrança. Como lhe digo o negócio pode ser interessante desde que o seu preço seja compensador. Assim, espero que o amigo faça remessa quanto antes desta pequena amostra, bem como os respectivos preços para eu estudar a possibilidade do negócio com mais amplitude.

Deseja-lhe muitas felicidades, enviando-lhe um grande abraço o amigo certo e obrigado

Candido Ferreira

Candido Ferreira
Rua Miguel Bombarda, 260
Porto-Portugal

DGB:SGH

SAC, Washington

June 5, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Peasant Case

Attention: N. A. Taylor

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Reference is made to the radio activity being conducted by the Laboratory of the Bureau in the above case.

Due to the continued silence of ONE, Peasant transmitted Bureau messages #140, #141, and #142, blind.

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Date: June 6, 1945

To: Mr. M. J. Lynch
The American Embassy
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE
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Within the near future, it is probable that Peasant's various German principals, including Janssen, Helwig, Greiner, and Hamman, will be taken into custody. Appropriate British officials should be apprised of the desire of the Bureau that these individuals not be questioned specifically as to Peasant. It should be pointed out, however, that the Bureau will be very happy to receive any information concerning Peasant which these individuals may volunteer.

The last contact with Germany in this case was on April 28, 1945, and the Germans instructed Peasant that he must "expect temporary suspension of supervision and send his messages 'blind' to Germany." They advised that they would try to confirm the receipt of the messages by letter. It is contemplated that for a time the German instructions will be followed; however, it will be necessary that arrangements be made with British authorities to be advised of any attempt by Peasant to return to the Continent.

When this occurs, appropriate action can be considered in the light of developments. Should it be decided to permit Peasant to return to the Continent, it will be necessary that he be interviewed, preferably by British authorities, to impress him with the undesirability of discussing with anyone his activities during the past three years. This could probably be accomplished by advising him that he could not be guaranteed protection against possible reprisals by German fanatics. Peasant should be cooperative along these lines, because from the German standpoint he has been a traitor.

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Date: July 27, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE

The Lisbon Office, by letter, has furnished the following information concerning individuals in Portugal with whom Acacio Strecht has been in correspondence.

(U) The British advise that Jose de Brito, Rua Formosa 360, Porto, Portugal, is the son of Jose de Brito, Sr., of the same address. He is described as of poor character and capable of any shady business. He is known to be friendly with Strecht. Brito, Sr., does business in rubber stamps and metal plates. (S)

Candido Ferreira, Rua Miguel Bombarda 260, Porto, Portugal, is reported to be a very poor character. He is described as pro-German and has done business with the Germans during the war. Nothing, however, has come to light concerning his contacts with Strecht.

(U) The British had no information concerning Alexandre de Figueiredo e Gunha, Alipio Ferreira da Costa and Dr. Guy de Pina e Pereira. Further inquiries on all of the above individuals are being made. It is expected that information concerning Brito, Jr., especially, will be forthcoming since it has been ascertained that he is a German drop. (S)

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(U)

Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

Attention: [SIS European Desk] (S)

Re: PEASANT CASE
Bureau File 65-51317

Reference is made to [redacted]

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[redacted] As soon as additional information is forth-
coming, the Bureau will be so advised (S)

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Not to Read -
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H. L. Davis
[initials]

Letter H. L. Davis
8-13-45
R. P. [initials]

Very truly yours,
DENNIS A. FLINN, L. A.
[Signature]

HLF:UJB

CC: MR. W. E. PALT
ROOM 1643

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Date: June 12, 1945

To: Mr. W. H. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CLASS
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Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum laboratory report dated June 6, 1945 setting forth results of an examination of a letter addressed to Almeida Lzevedo in Rio de Janeiro from "Secretariado Da Propaganda Nacional", Madrid, Spain.

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MEMORANDUM - LABORATORY REPORT

Re: PEASANT CASE

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Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on May 28, 1945.

- Q46 One envelope (pink) bearing the following typewritten address: "Ilmo.
Snr. A. de Almeida Soevedo Rua Rezende, 194 RIO DE JANEIRO." having the following return address; "SECRETARIADO DA PROPAGANDA NACIONAL....".
Q47 Accompanying six page newspaper "DIARIO DA MANHA" dated "9 de Maio de 1945".
Q48 Accompanying sheet of pink paper (folded) which contains photographs.
Q49 1 photo depicting a crowd, on reverse side #78601, typewritten note beginning: "Na Praca do....".
Q50 1 photo depicting an assembly of men, on reverse side #78664, typewritten note beginning: "O Presidente....".
Q51 1 photo depicting speaker at rostrum, on reverse side #78676, typewritten note beginning: "O Presidente....".
Q52 1 photo depicting the presentation of an award, on reverse side #78606, typewritten note beginning, "Na Praca do Imperio em Lisboa, realizou-se...".
Q53 1 photo (identical with Q51) bearing #78677 on reverse side.
Q54 1 photo depicting speaker at a rostrum, on the reverse side there appears handwriting and the number #78681.
Q55 1 photo of two men, reverse side bears typewriting beginning: "O Chefe
do...." and the #78669. RECORDED
Q56 1 photo depicting boats, handwriting appears on reverse side also the #78610.
Q57 1 photo depicting several people placing a wreath on a memorial, on the reverse side appears handwriting and the #73631. RECORDED
Q58 1 photo depicting a group of people in front of the American Embassy. There appears on the reverse side typewriting and the #78671. RECORDED

Nothing significant was noted as a result of a comparison of the current handwriting and typewriting, specimens Q46, Q49 through Q58, ~~Q53~~ JUN 13 previous handwriting and typewriting specimens in this case.



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The handwriting and typewriting appearing on specimens Q46, Q49 through Q58 were searched through the appropriate sections of the National Security File but no identification was effected. Suitable photographic copies of this material have been added to this file for future reference and comparison.

The evidence, Q47 through Q58, was examined for the presence of photographically concealed messages with negative results.

Specimens Q46 through Q53 were examined for types of open code applicable to material of this type with negative results. Translations of specimens Q49 through Q58 are attached hereto.

The specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

The original evidence, Q46 through Q58, was returned to the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C., on June 1, 1945. Photographic copies of specimens Q46 through Q58 have been retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory.

ADDENDUM: Specimens Q46 through Q58 were returned to Supervisor H. L. Davis for appropriate disposition on June 1, 1945. Photographic copies of specimens Q46 through Q58 are attached hereto for inclusion in the Bureau's files.

H. L. Davis

TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

- Q49 In the Praça do Imperio in Lisbon in the presence of the Chief of State, members of the cabinet, Cardinal Patriarca and other important personages the blessing of the codfishing vessels which are leaving for Newfoundland and Greenland took place. The photo shows the enormous crowd which attended the open air mass celebrated by the Rev. D. João de Castro. 4/29/45.
- Q50 The president of the Council and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Oliveira Salazar, gave an address concerning the end of the European war in the presence of the National Assembly, called into special session for this occasion. The photo shows a view of the Government rostrum during the session which was attended by all the ministers and under-secretaries of State. 5/8/45.
- Q51 The president of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Oliveira Salazar, gave an address concerning the end of the war in Europe in the presence of the National Assembly called together in special session for this occasion. The photo shows the chief of the Government before speaking. 5/8/45.
- Q52 In the Praça do Imperio in Lisbon in the presence of the Chief of State, members of the Government, Cardinal Patriarca and other personages the blessing of the codfishing boats which are going to leave for Newfoundland and Greenland took place. The photo shows the Chief of State decorating a fisherman. 4/29/45.
- Q53 same as Q51.
- Q54 same as Q51. Q51 and Q53 are typewritten while Q54 is hand-written.
- Q55 The Chief of State presents his compliments to the diplomats of the United Nations. The photo shows the President of the Council with the British Ambassador. 5/8/45.
- Q56 In the Praça do Imperio in Lisbon in the presence of the Chief of State, members of the Government, Cardinal Patriarca and other important personages the blessing of the codfishing boats which are going to leave for Newfoundland and Greenland took place. The photo shows the ships adorned with flags in front of Beleira.

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- Q57 The discovery of Brazil - The Rector of the University of Porto, who delegated by Orfeao places flowers on the monument of Pedro Alvares Cabral. 5/3/45.
- Q58 The U. S. Ambassador Dr. Herman Baruch acknowledging the popular demonstrations at the end of the war from the window of the Embassy. 5/8/45.

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Translated: R.Costin

5/30/45

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FILE NO. 65-4539

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/20/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/14 - 6/15/45	REPORT MADE BY MAURICE A. TAYLOR MAT:JAG
TITLE PEASANT CASE	CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - G		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Messages exchanged with ONB in usual manner until entry of British into Hamburg, Germany, May 2, 1945. Thereafter, Peasant continued to transmit blind in accordance with instructions until June 2, 1945, and discontinued transmissions in view of lack of indication messages being received and complete German collapse. Total of 42 incoming and 142 outgoing messages exchanged. Most recent information reflects Peasant still living in England and has not written any letters to European continent recently. No further indication of a connection between STRECHTRIBEIRO and Peasant developed to date.

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REFERENCES: 65-51317. Bureau letters dated April 17, 1945, May 8, 1945, and June 11, 1945. Report of Special Agent MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated April 12, 1945, at Washington, D. C. Report of Special Agent GEORGE A. VAN NOY dated March 15, 1945, at Rio de Janeiro.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Despite the imminence of complete military defeat and the steady advance of Allied armies toward Hamburg, Germany, exchange of traffic between Peasant and his principals continued, and the signals of ONB were heard as late as May 1, 1945, one day before the entry of British military

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forces into that city. Since the occupation by British forces of the city of Hamburg, no further signals have been heard from the control station. Nevertheless, for sometime Peasant continued to transmit blind in the manner as in the past in accordance with instructions from ONB contained in incoming messages 39-41 which are set forth hereafter.

On Saturday, April 14, 1945, effort was made to establish radio contact on the regular Saturday schedule with ONB; however, this attempt was unsuccessful. The signals of ONB were extremely weak, and he apparently was unable to hear Peasant. Several efforts were made later in the day but all were unsuccessful.

On April 15, 1945, contact was established with the control station, and on this occasion incoming messages 39, 40, and 41 were received, and outgoing messages 124 and 125 were transmitted by Peasant. It is noted incoming 39 was a repeat message having been previously received by Peasant on April 10, 1945. It appeared the control station was not certain that Peasant had acknowledged receipt of this message, it being recalled the signals of both stations were weak on that occasion. It is noted on April 15, 1945, conditions were adverse. As far as could be determined, ONB had not changed transmitters on this date.

INCOMING 39
(repeat)

SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 1945

WE RECOMMEND FURTHER WORK IN THE OLD WAY AS LONG AS (THERE IS) A CONNECTION. WE ARE INSTITUTING PROVISION IN THE MANNER YOU PROPOSED. NUMBER 39. STILL CONSIDER THAT INSTRUCTION TO OUR BRAZIL REPRESENTATIVE MUST TAKE PLACE BY LETTER THEREFORE TIME IS NECESSARY THEREFORE OUR QUESTION ABOUT DIRECT TRANSFER FROM PORTUGAL.

INCOMING 40, 41

SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 1945

IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION YOU MUST FIGURE ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SUPERVISION. #40. NEVERTHELESS PLEASE STAND BY FURTHER TO RECEIVE. IN CASE YOU CANNOT HEAR US TRANSMIT MESSAGES ON HAND TO US BLIND, EACH GROUP DOUBLE. WE WILL TRY TO CONFIRM. No. 41. WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF ROOSEVELT'S DEATH? WHAT ARE THE IMPRESSIONS ON YOUR CIRCLE OF ACQUAINTANCES AND ON THE PUBLIC?

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OUTGOING 124, 125
(B-440, A-143, B-440)

SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 1945

ACCORDING TO REPORT OF GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD TO SECRETARY OF WAR, PROGRESS IN JET PROPELLED PLANES SUCH THAT BELL P-59 BUILT LAST YEAR NOW CLASSIFIED AS TRAINER. WAVE FRIEND SAYS THAT THE COMMODORE FROM CHUNGKING HAS LEFT. HE WAS IN HER OFFICE TO SAY GOOD-BYE. AS OF DECEMBER, B-29 BOMBERS WERE BEING PRODUCED AT THE RATE OF FOUR DAILY.

On Saturday, April 21, 1945, radio contact was attempted unsuccessfully. It was noted that none of the known Hamburg transmissions had been heard for approximately twelve hours prior to the scheduled time for Peasant to go on the air. However, in accordance with instructions, outgoing messages 126 and 127 were transmitted blind, each group being sent double.

OUTGOING 126, 127
(first part B-445)

SATURDAY

APRIL 21, 1945

ROOSEVELT'S DEATH HAS HAD SOBERING EFFECT ON USA YET IT SEEMS TO HAVE REINVIGORATED DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE TO CONCLUDE WAR ALONG LINES OF ROOSEVELT'S PROGRAM. EVERYONE WHO VOICES AN OPINION SAYS THERE MUST BE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AND COMPLETE OCCUPATION OF BOTH GERMANY AND JAPAN. TRUMAN HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO ROOSEVELT'S POLICIES. HE HAS CONFERRED WITH LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES AT WHITE HOUSE AND HIS RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS WILL APPARENTLY BE MORE PERSONAL AND CORDIAL. CONT.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1945, which may be considered an off day in view of Peasant's self-announced schedule of transmitting on Saturdays only in view of his employment problem, the signals of ONB were heard, and he was observed to call QRU QRX TMW meaning "I have nothing for you. Will stand by tomorrow." No attempt was made to contact ONB on this date as Peasant had no traffic.

On the following day, April 25, 1945, ONB was again heard and indicated he had no traffic for Peasant. Poor receiving conditions were indicated for Hamburg as the control station instructed Peasant to lower his frequency although no attempt had been made to contact ONB.

On Thursday, April 26, 1945, radio contact was established with ONB although conditions were very adverse, and poor signals were heard. After transmitting 46 groups of outgoing message 128, contact was lost. ONB was heard to indicate he would stand by on the following day and did not indicate he had traffic for Peasant.

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Successful contact was established with ONB on Saturday, April 28, 1945, and on this date the last incoming message 42 was received from ONB. On this date also outgoing messages 128-131 were transmitted to the Germans. ONB made no mention of Peasant's blind transmission of outgoing messages 126-127. It is noted when this transmission was completed, ONB indicated he would stand by tomorrow. However, he failed to make appearance on April 29 or 30, 1945.

INCOMING 42

SATURDAY

APRIL 28, 1945

No. 42. AT PRESENT ALSO URGENT INTEREST IN POLITICAL REPORTS AND MILITARY DISPOSITIONS.

OUTGOING 128, 129
(second part B-445)

SATURDAY

APRIL 28, 1945

CONT. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE TRUMAN WILL GRADUALLY SWING TO THE RIGHT ON SOME INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE IS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE THE SAME TOLERANCE FOR STRIKES AND LABOR DELAYS AND IT IS FELT THAT A TIGHTENING OF DOMESTIC POLICIES IN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE MAY BE EXPECTED. IN VIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE WAR AND THE TEMPER OF THE PEOPLE IT IS SPECULATED THAT SUCH POLICIES WOULD BRING TRUMAN NEW SUPPORTERS IN CONGRESS AND WOULD ALSO INCREASE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND RESTORE AMPLE FOOD SUPPLIES THAT ARE RAPIDLY BEING DEPLETED.

OUTGOING 130, 131
(A-148 and part of B-474)

SATURDAY

APRIL 28, 1945

WAVE FRIEND TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT SHE HAD OVERHEARD HER OFFICER SAY THAT THE EXTRA TIME BEING USED TO MOP UP THE PHILIPPINES WOULD PROBABLY DELAY THE NEXT JOINT OPERATION. CONTINENTAL MOTORS ANNOUNCED ITS SUBSIDIARY CONTINENTAL AVIATION AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION NOW IN LIMITED PRODUCTION OF NEW LIQUID COOLED ENGINE KNOWN AS I-1430.

The signals of control station ONB were last heard on May 1, 1945, the date preceding the entry of the British Army into Hamburg. However, Peasant had no traffic on that date, and no attempt was made to establish contact.

On May 5, 1945 (SATURDAY), ONB failed to make the scheduled appearance and on this occasion outgoing messages 132 and 133 were transmitted blind.

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OUTGOING 132, 133 SATURDAY MAY 5, 1945
(last part B-474 and B-473)

MOTOR IS TWELVE CYLINDER SIXTY DEGREE INVERTED V TYPE AND DEVELOPS 2100 HORSEPOWER AT 3400 RPM, WEIGHT OF ONLY .69 POUNDS PER HP CLAIMED FOR ENGINE. WHEN CAN I EXPECT TRANSMITTAL TO ARRIVE IN SOUTH? U. S. NAVAL AVIATION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO COST APPROXIMATELY THREE BILLION DOLLARS. NEW JET PROPELLED PLANES FOR NAVAL AIR FORCE WILL INCLUDE TORPEDO PLANES AND SEAPLANES IN ADDITION TO JET FIGHTERS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED ON A LARGE SCALE.

On May 12, 1945, an effort was made to contact ONB on the regularly scheduled date and time; however, the effort was unsuccessful, and outgoing 134 and 135 were transmitted blind.

OUTGOING 134, 135 SATURDAY MAY 12, 1945
(B-506)

PRESENT PLANS FOR POSTWAR CONTROL OF GERMANY WOULD ASSIGN UNITED STATES FORCES TO SOUTHWEST GERMANY INCLUDING BAVARIA AND PART OF AUSTRIA, RUSSIA TO AREA EAST OF ELBE, AND BRITAIN THE REMAINDER. UNITED STATES WILL USE NEW FIFTEENTH ARMY AND PARTS OF EIGHTH AND NINTH AIR FORCES FOR OCCUPATION FORCES.

Similarly on Saturday, May 19, 1945, radio contact was attempted with the control station without success. At this time outgoing 136 and 137 were transmitted blind by Peasant.

OUTGOING 136, 137 SATURDAY MAY 19, 1945

U. S. ARMY WILL BE REDUCED FROM EIGHT MILLION TO SIX AND THREE QUARTERS MILLION BY DISCHARGING TROOPS HAVING EXTENSIVE OVERSEAS SERVICE. MORE THAN HALF OF TROOPS PRESENTLY IN EUROPE WILL BE SENT TO PACIFIC THEATER VIA THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE FURLoughS. THE REMAINDER OF THE TROOPS WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO PACIFIC AFTER THEY HAVE RECEIVED BATTLE TRAINING FOR THE PACIFIC IN EUROPE. NO TROOPS WHO HAVE FOUGHT IN BOTH AFRICA AND EUROPE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE IN PACIFIC THEATER.

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Under date of May 26, 1945, effort was again made unsuccessfully to establish radio communication with station ONB and due to the continued silence of ONB outgoing messages 138 and 139 were sent blind in the usual manner.

OUTGOING 138, 139
(Admin. and B-526)

SATURDAY

MAY 26, 1945

HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM SOUTH CONCERNING TRANSMISSION.
CAN YOU ADVISE ABOUT MONEY AND INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTINUING
WORK HERE BY LETTER? TENSION HERE OVER TRIESTE SITUATION
HAS EASED FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF TITO FORCES FROM CARIN-
THIA AND STYRIA.

On June 2, 1945, effort to contact station ONB was again made without success, and at this time the last three messages sent by Peasant, outgoing 140 to 142, were transmitted blind.

OUTGOING 140, 141, 142
(B-524, 525, 527)

SATURDAY

JUNE 2, 1945

WAVE FRIEND ADVISES U. S. NAVY HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL CARRIERS TO PROSECUTE PACIFIC WAR AND IS EMPLOYING NEW WORKERS TO SPEED COMPLETION OF LARGE FLEET CARRIERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGES BIDAULT HAS ANNOUNCED HERE GENERAL DE GAULLE WILL MEET PRESIDENT TRUMAN AT FUTURE TIME UPON EXPRESS REQUEST OF TRUMAN. AMERICAN FIRST ARMY UNDER GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES IS ON MOVE AND WILL SEE ACTION AGAINST JAPAN AFTER TROOPS RECEIVE FURLough IN U. S.

In view of the failure of station ONB to remain on the air and the fact that it was not believed normal for Peasant to continue to transmit regularly with no further assurances that he would receive compensation, no effort was made to contact station ONB on Saturday, June 9, 1945.

Despite the promises made by the principals of Peasant that he would receive a transmission of money and the promise that these funds would be sent by them to the agreed contact at Rio de Janeiro, no money has yet been received by Peasant. It was felt if any such sum had been started on its way by the Germans, this money may still be received in due course by Peasant. However, in view of the completeness of the German collapse, it appears remote that the Germans will continue to transmit to Peasant. Because of these reasons, the Bureau authorized discontinuance of transmissions by Peasant in the referenced letter dated June 11, 1945.

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It was indicated in the letter of reference the Bureau would continue to monitor at Peasant's frequency on the scheduled time of ONB's transmission and further that appropriate stops would be made in the Rio territory.

Communications from the Bureau's representative in London indicated Peasant is still living in England and appears to be behaving properly. He apparently has not been corresponding with anyone in continental Europe, and there was no indication he intended to leave England in the immediate future. This correspondence is still being observed by the British authorities. No exact information was developed by the British concerning the financial condition of Peasant although it was presumed by them the Germans might certainly assume he had spent the \$5,000 which they originally supplied to Peasant.

By letter dated June 6, 1945, the Bureau advised its representative in London that the Bureau would be happy to receive any information concerning Peasant which might be volunteered by any of his principals who will doubtless be apprehended by the British Military authorities, namely: JANSSEN, HEINIG, GREINER, HAMMAN, etc., although it was requested these individuals not be questioned specifically as to Peasant as such procedure would indicate clearly to the Germans he had been controlled. The Bureau letter also pointed out that in the event Peasant should decide to return to the continent, interview with him, preferably by the British, would be highly desirable in order to impress him with the necessity of keeping secret his activities for the past three years.

AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO

In order to facilitate the investigation being conducted on STRECHT RIBEIRO at Rio de Janeiro, request was made in the Bureau letter of reference dated April 17, 1945, that three magazines of technical character on the subject of aviation or engineering be secured. The reference letter in question suggested "Aviation," "Welding Engineer," or "The Journal of the American Chemical Society." Copies of "Aviation" and "The Journal of the American Chemical Society" were obtained by the Washington Field Office and delivered to the Bureau. However, no copy of the magazine "Welding Engineer" could be located.

By letter dated May 10, 1945, the Chicago Division forwarded a recent issue of "Welding Engineer" for April, 1945, to the Bureau.

As a matter of information in connection with STRECHT RIBEIRO and ANTONIO AZEVEDO, the Bureau letter of reference dated May 8, 1945, advised as follows:

"United States Censorship has furnished a Third Party Memorandum pertaining to a letter in Portuguese dated February 21, 1945, from

WFO 65-4539

ODETTE MEDEIROS, Grande Hotel d'Espinho, Praia de Espinho, Portugal, to MANUEL PEREIRA GOMES, Fabrica de Papel, Jacarepagus, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The letter mentions that a certain AZEVEDO was bringing verbal news from the sender to the addressee, and instructs the addressee to send various personal articles to the sender with AZEVEDO when he 'continues his voyage on the Serpa Pinto,' for AZEVEDO assured the sender 'that he would be able to bring anything back here.' It is possible that AZEVEDO is identical with ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA AZEVEDO, a principal subject in this case.

"The Bureau files reflect no information concerning ODETTE MEDEIROS and nothing concerning MANUEL PEREIRA GOMES. There are references to MANUEL GOMES PEREIRA, Jr., who is third engineer on the SS Gil Eames, a Brazilian vessel that has called at the port of the city of Philadelphia on several occasions.

"The Bureau's representative in Lisbon has been requested to identify ODETTE MEDEIROS to determine if this individual has any connection with instant case."

It is noted the Post Office box 1052 at the Washington main Post Office which Peasant has maintained will expire July 1, 1945. Appropriate stop notices are being placed with the superintendent of mail at the Post Office so that any mail which might come to Peasant at this office will be referred to the Washington Field Office.

A copy of this report is being designated for the New York Field Office for its information.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

WWD:SGH
65-51317

TO : MR. COFFEY

FROM : I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: June 23, 1945

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Stamford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Bell _____
 Miss Gandy _____

There is attached, to be filed in the investigative files of the above entitled case, all the original notes comprising the operational log of the ONE circuit for the period from February 10, 1945, through June 2, 1945, inclusive.

All active radio operation in this circuit has ceased; however, radio monitoring of the control station in this circuit is being continued.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HLD:mep

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: June 26, 1945

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Herdon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Seaman
Miss Gandy

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Investigation of the Peasant Case in Rio de Janeiro has centered principally around Acacio Strecht, a Spaniard, who went to Rio in August, 1944, and who was identified as a German agent by correlation of [redacted] information at the Bureau. It was believed that Strecht may attempt to aid in the forwarding of money by the Germans to Helmut Goldschmidt, our nominal double agent in the United States who at that time was ostensibly operating a radio transmitter for the Germans from the United States. However, we did not uncover information indicating that this was actually Strecht's mission despite the fact that a large payment of money to Goldschmidt was scheduled by the Germans to be sent through Rio to the United States. The end of the war in Europe apparently disrupted this payment as it has not been received yet.

Just before the end of the war, the Rio Office through a double agent succeeded in establishing close contact with Strecht and it appeared that there was a good possibility to turn him into a double agent. However, the end of the war stopped this project. Rio has now requested authority to request the Rio Police to arrest Strecht for questioning, using only information we subsequently received from Portugal verifying the fact that Strecht was recruited as a German agent. The Rio Office states that it is believed further investigation of Strecht is now unwarranted and he is not developing into a double agent as expected. According to the double agent, he claims to know nothing of Japanese activities. The Rio Office states that it can arrange for his interrogation by a Bureau agent.

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The information received from Portugal was the result of the arrest by the Portuguese Authorities of a number of German agents, including Mario Ferreira Pinheiro, who related that he recruited Strecht to work for a German agent named Hamann. Hamann is Friedrich Wilhelm Hamann who also handled Helmut Goldschmidt in Spain and later in Portugal. It was further reported that the Germans had sent communications to Strecht in Rio in care of the Portuguese Consulate in that city.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached radiogram be sent to Rio authorizing them to furnish the information received from Portugal relative to Strecht to the Brazilian Police and requesting Strecht be arrested for questioning. The radiogram instructs them not to indicate to Strecht any knowledge of Goldschmidt but to endeavor to obtain all information he might have concerning Goldschmidt and concerning Almeida Azevedo, a strongly suspected German agent who came to Rio with Strecht.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Mr. Felt, Rm. 1643.

HLD:mcop

URGENT - RADIogram

June 26, 1945

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

65-51317-605

TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO:

URGENT RADIogram
IN CIPHER PADMr. H. H. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazilb2
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PEASANT CASE. DO YOUR RADIogram JUNE 22, 1945. AUTHORITY GRANTED
 TO FURNISH POLICE INFORMATION SET FORTH BUREAU LETTER MARCH 31 LAST AND REQUESTING
 SUBJECT'S ARREST FOR QUESTIONING. NO [REDACTED] MATERIAL TESTIMONY
 CAN BE FURNISHED. DURING INTERROGATION DO NOT INDICATE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY
 GOLDSCHMIDT BUT ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION SUBJECT MAY HAVE CONCERNING
 GOLDSCHMIDT AND ALMEIDA AZEVEDO. SHOWING ALL DETAILS POSSIBLE CONCERNING HIS
 KNOWLEDGE GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

CIA W.M.C.

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 DATE 5/11/03 BY 3233 PLB/EH/mdb

Tolson
 E. A. Tamm
 Clegg
 Coffey
 Glavin
 Ladd
 Nichols
 Rosen
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COMMUNICATIONS

JUN 26 1945

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SENT VIA

MAIL

EST. 8 AM

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 6-22-45 NR 102 6:10 PM EUT

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① PEASANT CASE. RECOMMEND BUREAU AUTHORIZE ME TO REQUEST POLICE TO ARREST STRECHT FOR QUESTIONING USING ONLY INFORMATION SET FORTH IN YOUR LETTER MARCH 31 LAST, WITH SOME OTHER [REDACTED] INFORMATION. BELIEVE FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF STRECHT HERE IS UNWARRANTED ^{AND} HE IS NOT DEVELOPING INTO DOUBLE AGENT AS EXPECTED. HE CLAIMS TO KNOW NOTHING OF JAPANESE ACTIVITIES. CAN ARRANGE INTERROGATION BY AGENT THIS OFFICE.

RECEIVED: 6-22-45 6:22 PM EUT

FMG

UNDERLINED PORTION OBTAINED FROM GARBLE.

Rio de Janeiro

Code room advised that garble should read "no reference"

6/23/45
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Office Memorandum

WMF: CHW

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

65-51317

TO : MR. LADD *SL*

FROM : W. M. Felt

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: June 9, 1945

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Mr. Poison _____
 Mr. E. A. French _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Lead _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Herdon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Beaman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

The last contact with the Germans in this case was on April 28, 1945. The Germans indicated their probable future inability to make contact and requested that Peasant transmit his messages "blind." The German radio station was last heard on May 1, 1945, the day prior to the occupation of Hamburg by British troops. Since that date, which marked the beginning of the total collapse of Germany, Peasant has sent messages "blind" as instructed; however, there have never been any indications that these messages were received. In addition, the German collapse was so complete that the possibilities of such messages ever being received are exceedingly remote.

The operation of this case has been exceptionally successful. In spite of numerous handicaps, the case developed to the point where regular radio contact with Germany was maintained. This channel of communication was utilized by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to transmit deceptive information to Germany. That the Germans had confidence in Peasant is indicated by information received from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the effect that deceptive messages sent by Peasant were later relayed by the Germans to the Japanese.

Another objective of any double agent operation is to attempt to identify and locate other German espionage agents. In this case, we were successful in identifying two German agents who were dispatched to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. These agents are presently under extensive investigation in Rio de Janeiro. Another objective which was accomplished in this case was the maintenance of contact with the German Intelligence Service for the purpose of studying its modus operandi. The numerous messages exchanged in this case give considerable information along this line.

At this stage, there is nothing further which can be done along any of the above lines and the only remaining objectives are:

1. To establish contact with what remnants, if any, are left of the German Intelligence System.

2. To attempt to obtain the money which the Germans promised they would send Peasant through his intermediary in Rio de Janeiro.

In connection with number 1, the only action necessary is to arrange for routine monitoring of Peasant's frequency at the scheduled times. This monitoring can be handled by the regular Laboratory personnel, and the two special operators can be assigned to regular duty.

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With respect to number 2 above, there is nothing further which can be done here and appropriate stops for the intermediary can be maintained by the Rio de Janeiro Office.

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Memo for Mr. Ladd

For the above reasons, a letter is being directed to the Washington Field Office suggesting that consideration be given to placing this case in a closed status, subject, of course, to being reopened if there are any developments of interest.

65-51317

SAC, Washington

June 11, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

ESPIONAGE - G

ORDING

Reference is made to your letter dated June 8, 1945.

The last contact with the Germans in this case was on April 28, 1945. The Germans indicated their probable future inability to make contact and requested that Peasant transmit his messages "blind." The German radio station was last heard on May 1, 1945, the day prior to the occupation of Hamburg by British troops. Since that date, which marked the beginning of the total collapse of Germany, Peasant has sent messages "blind" as instructed; however, there have never been any indications that these messages were received. In addition, the German collapse was so complete that the possibilities of such messages ever being received are exceedingly remote.

The operation of this case by your office has been very satisfactory. In spite of numerous handicaps not ordinarily inherent in double agent operations, this case was developed to the point where regular radio contact with Germany was maintained. This channel of communication was utilized by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to transmit deceptive information to Germany. There is every indication that the Germans had confidence in Peasant and in particular the Joint Chiefs of Staff advised the Bureau informally that certain of the deceptive messages sent by Peasant were later relayed by the Germans to the Japanese. It is not believed that the Germans would have taken such steps had they not had confidence in Peasant.

At this stage, however, nothing further can be done along the above lines and the only remaining objectives are:

- ~~1~~ 1. To establish contact with what remnants, if any, are left of the German Intelligence System.
- ~~2~~ 2. To attempt to obtain the money which the Germans promised they would send Peasant through his intermediary in Rio de Janeiro.

In connection with number one, the only action necessary will be routine monitoring of Peasant's frequency at the scheduled times. This can be done as a part of the Bureau's regular monitoring program.

Mr. Tolson ~~RECD~~
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Coffey
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Carson
 Mr. Henton
 Mr. Stanford
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Quinn
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Cardy

With respect to number two above, there is nothing further which can be done in the United States and appropriate stops with the intermediary are being maintained by the Rio de Janeiro Office.

For the above reasons, it is suggested that consideration be given to placing this case in a closed status, subject, of course, to being reopened, if there are any developments of interest.

JUL 11 1945 P.M.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office, 1435 K Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

MAT:JAG
65-4539

June 8, 1945

L. L. Tyley
D.G. BARDIN
R. COSTER

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

O
Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

For some time Peasant has followed with regularity a schedule of transmitting blind to ONB on Saturdays only.

In order to give variety to Peasant's operation and to make his activity appear normal and realistic, it is respectfully suggested that no traffic be sent to the Germans on Saturday, June 9, 1945. It is also suggested that Peasant not go on the air at all on this date.

Inasmuch as no signals have been received from the enemy for some time and no communications have reached Peasant, it is felt that no harm can result to the case from a change in the regular schedule followed in the past. It is anticipated at this time that traffic will be prepared for approval to be sent Saturday, June 16, 1945, unless the Bureau suggests that Peasant remain off the air for a few weeks or more.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel
GUY HOTTEL
SAC

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JUN 29 1945



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

RGC:LGL

TO : Mr. Coffey, room #7643

DATE: July 3, 1945

FROM : C. F. Downing *(CFD)*SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
Bureau file #65-51317

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Coffey
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Acer
 Mr. Carson
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Hendon
 Mr. Mumford
 Mr. Starkie
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Tele. Room
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Beaman
 Miss Candy

Reference is made to radio traffic in connection with the above-entitled case, the enciphering and deciphering of which was handled in the Cryptanalysis Section. In view of the fact the last transmission was made on June 2, 1945 and that no future transmissions are planned, three folders of intercepts covering the period January 31, 1944 through April 28, 1945 are being transferred to the Records Section for inclusion in the Administrative Files. Representative copies of these intercepts are being retained in the Code and Cipher File of the Laboratory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DGB:SGH

TO : MR. COFFEE *AM*

FROM : I. W. Conrad *JWC*

SUBJECT: Peasant Case — OMB

DATE: July 7, 1945

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Devlin
Mr. Ede
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Roser
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Lamford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Mease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

The control station in this case was last heard on May 1, 1945. In accordance with instructions of the Security Division all attempts to establish contact with the control station have been terminated; but monitoring upon his schedules is being continued at Clinton and at South Natick on an "A" priority.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that a copy of ^{this} memorandum be forwarded to the Security Division.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : W. M. Felt

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G.

DATE: July 11, 1945

WMF:ECR
65-51317

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Seahn
Miss Gandy

During the course of this case the writer maintained a set of index cards reflecting all messages prepared or cleared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The cards reflect the only place that this information is available in tabular form and, in addition, there is no other way in which the deceptive messages sent over this circuit could be readily grouped.

For this reason it is suggested that the attached cards be filed as an enclosure behind the file in this case for possible future use.

ACTION:

None. This memorandum is for record purposes only.

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SAC, Washington Field

August 13, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

For the completion of your files, you are advised that the following letters dated June 6 and July 12, 1945, have been received from our representative in Lisbon:

Lisbon, Portugal
June 6, 1945

Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson

Mr. E. A.

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Carson

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Mumford

Mr. Jones

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

As soon as additional information is forthcoming,
the Bureau will be so advised.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Very truly yours,

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SAC, Washington Field

Lisbon, Portugal
July 12, 1945

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to [redacted]

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As additional information is developed in this case, the Bureau will be so advised.

Very truly yours,

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65-5737-66

Date: July 31, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE

Please refer to Bureau letter of May 2, 1945, copies of which were furnished to Lisbon. The Lisbon Office has now advised that inquiry of the British was made and they informed that to date there was no information regarding Manuel Ribeiro da Silva. Jorge Correia Monteiro has been determined to be a student, some fifteen or sixteen years of age. He has no knowledge of the individual named Almeida Azevedo.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

It will be recalled that Strecht sent a cable to Maria Tereza Beleza on COMMUNIC 22, 1945. Maria Tereza Beleza is a cousin of Strecht and a daughter of Artur Beleza. She resides at Rua Boavista 285, Porto, Portugal. Strecht resided at this address prior to his departure for Brazil. His relatives still remain at this address, stating that Strecht is doing well in Rio de Janeiro as a designer and commission agent and does not contemplate returning to Portugal for some time.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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CAT 18

R. G. FLETCHER, ROOM 1643

August 18, 1945

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

MR. H. M. CLEGG
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

AM AUGUST 2, LISBON HAS ADVISED NO RECORDS EXCEPT PINHEIRO WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY WILLY STRECHT. BRAZILIAN POLICE WILL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING BY ^{who are} PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES ^{ARE} RELUCTANT TO TAKE AS EXERTED AND DEFINITE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SUCH AS ^{BY} STRECHT. THEY RECOMMENDED BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES DING STRECHT AND RELEASE OF PINHEIRO BY PORTUGUESE IDENTIFICATION AS GERMAN AGENT. THEY ASK FOR NEWSPAPER CITI AND COPY SIGNED STATEMENT OF STRECHT TO BE USE AUTHORITIES BY AMERICAN EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR ADVISES NO RECORD ANY INDIVIDUALS EXCEPT SCHAFER POSSIBLY IN OSCAR SCHAFER OFFICIAL BANCO GERMANICO MADRID. BORN WESTFALIA 03, MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN, RESIDES CALLE FIRMAN GONZALEZ TWENTY SEVEN ARRIVED SPAIN 1929, CALLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE JANUARY, 1943, APPLIED TO SPAIN FEBRUARY, 1944. MEDIUM HEIGHT, GRAY EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR. PHOTOGRAPH AND SIGNATURE BEING FORWARDED BY MADRID. FRENCH REPORT DATED JUNE STATES SCHAFER WAS SD AGENT HANDLING FINANCIAL MATTERS, IN TOUCH WITH PIREZ, FORMER BALANCE HEAD, HAMBURG, WHO HAD GROUP SPANISH AGENTS. BELIEVES DOUBTFUL SPANISH AUTHORITIES WOULD ARREST AND INTERROGATE ^{and} SUBJECT ^{Schaefer} SUGGESTS BRAZILIAN POLICE TAKE ANY ACTION DESIRED. IF IS TO MAKE ANY ^{such} REPRESENTATIONS ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE REPORT RECEIVED FROM STATE DEPARTMENT YET. SUGGEST YOU HAVE NEGOTIATE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FINAL DETERMINATION POLICY.

Rancho 8-14-45 10:30 PM

Clell

W.M.

~~SECRET~~



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Lisbon, Portugal
July 12, 1945

~~SECRET-AIR COURIER~~

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

Communication No. 1295

(U)

Director, FBI

Att: SIS European Desk *[Handwritten mark: JES]*

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Dear Sir:

7/11/63

Reference is made to [redacted]

Re: PEASANT CASE
Bureau file 65-51317

*For info. - P. G. - F. B. I.
7/11/63 - E. C. - 1945*

*H. L. Davis
R. H. Fletcher*

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As additional information is developed in this case, the Bureau will
be so advised.

Very truly yours,

Dennis A. Flinn
DENNIS A. FLINN,
L.A.

DAF:RM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JULY 18, 1945

RADIOGRAM * URGENT * CIPHER PAD

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MR. HENRY M. CLEGG

Transmit the following message to: THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
65-51317-612 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

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PEASANT. PLACE EMPHASIS ON DETERMINATION IDENTITY OTHER UNKNOWN AGENT WHO IS KNOWN TO HAVE COME TO RIO ON SAME BOAT AS DID ~~STRECHT~~. FOR YOUR STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, [REDACTED] REPORTED CONCERNING STRECHT

AND OTHER AGENT AT SAME TIME SO PRESUMABLY STRECHT AND UNKNOWN AGENT WORKED FOR SAME BRANCH OF GERMAN INTELLIGENCE, THEREFORE, STRECHT SHOULD KNOW UNKNOWN AGENT'S IDENTITY. [REDACTED] REPORTED STRECHT AS AGENT NUMBER

ONE SEVEN FIVE AND UNKNOWN AGENT AS AGENT NUMBER ONE TWO SEVEN. THIS INFORMATION MUST NOT BE DIVULGED TO ANYONE, BUT STRECHT SHOULD BE QUESTIONED AS TO ANY COVER NAMES OR NUMBERS GIVEN HIM BY GERMANS AND COVER NAMES OR NUMBER GIVEN TO ANY OTHER GERMAN AGENTS. FOR YOUR STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, THE BUREAU

SENT ONE LETTER AND TWO CABLES OBTINABLE FROM GOEDSCHEIDT IN THE UNITED STATES TO STRECHT IN PORTUGAL AS STRECHT WAS GIVEN AS A DROP BOX TO GOEDSCHEIDT.

STRECHT SHOULD BE QUESTIONED ORIGINALLY AS TO HIS RECEPTION OF LETTERS FROM ANYONE AND PARTICULARLY FROM THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, GOEDSCHEIDT'S NAME SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED TO HIM AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED UNLESS STRECHT

VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION CONCERNING GOEDSCHEIDT. IF STRECHT TELLS OF RECEIVING THESE COMMUNICATIONS, HE SHOULD BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING ANY OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS HE MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED. WITH REGARD STRECHT'S DENIAL OF ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY IN BRAZIL, POINTED OUT THAT [REDACTED] THE CABLE SENT BY

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Varn
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Bradford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn-Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

STRECHT OCTOBER TWENTYNINE FORTYFOUR, TO JOSE VIEIRAS, PORTUGAL, MAY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF ARRIVAL OF HIS SAFE ARRIVAL. THIS SHOULD BE EXPLOITED. FURNISH BY RADIOGRAM NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS STRECHT KNOWS CONNECTED WITH GERMAN INTELLIGENCE

SO BRAZIL CAN FURNISH YOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE INDIVIDUALS

WHICH MAY AID INVESTIGATION.

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F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 7-17-45 NR 173 6-42 P.M. EWT

Strech
PEASANT. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED US RIO DE JANEIRO POLICE ARRESTED STRECHT AT 8:00 P.M. YESTERDAY. SUBJECT ADMITTED HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED BY GERMAN ESPIONAGE SERVICE IN PORTUGAL AND VOLUNTARILY IDENTIFIED PERSONS MENTIONED IN BUREAU LETTER MARCH 51. HE WAS GIVEN THREE MONTHS OF ESPIONAGE TRAINING INCLUDING RADIO OPERATION IN BREMEN, GERMANY, AND TRAVELED TO BRAZIL AS AGENT OF THE GERMANS. SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THREE IDENTICAL MICRODOTS SHOWING DIAGRAMS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING UP AND OPERATING SHORT WAVE, ESPIONAGE INSTRUCTIONS AND CODES. STRECHT DENIES ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY SINCE ARRIVAL IN BRAZIL. QUESTIONING CONTINUING. FULL DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

RECEIVED 7-17-45 7-54 P.M. EWT MMK

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Held 7-18-45*

*Gandy
Feltner
Gandy
Coffey*

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HLD:EVO

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: July 18, 1945

You will recall that in connection with the Peasant Case, which is the code word used to designate operation of the notional double agent Helmuth Goldschmidt, that we have under investigation in Rio de Janeiro Acacio Augusto Strecht. Strecht was identified as a German agent by correlation of material obtained from [redacted]. This identification was later confirmed by information received from Lisbon, Portugal, pertaining to the arrest of a number of German agents who were connected with dispatching Strecht to Rio.

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Mr. Clezz
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Devlin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Miss Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Keasey
Miss Beahn
Miss Gandy

Authority was given to our Legal Attaché at Rio to furnish the information obtained from Portugal to the Brazilian authorities so that action might be taken against Strecht. We have now received a radiogram from Rio advising that on the basis of the information furnished to the Brazilian authorities the police arrested Strecht at 8 p.m. July 16, 1945. Strecht admitted being recruited by the German Espionage Service in Portugal, given three months' training, including radio operation in Bremen, Germany. He had in his possession three identical microdots containing diagrams and instructions for setting up a radio transmitter, codes and espionage instructions. He denies any espionage activity since his arrival in Brazil.

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This case is an excellent example of the value of our receiving detailed messages from [redacted]. Strecht was identified by Supervisor W. M. Felt, who handled the Goldschmidt Case in the United States, solely by correlating the messages from [redacted] sent to us by our London Office with material we obtained in connection with the investigation in the Goldschmidt Case.

By identifying Strecht from [redacted] material, we were able to place him under surveillance immediately upon his arrival in Rio and ascertained his activities and contacts long before we received the latter information from Portugal which confirmed his identification.

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A radiogram is being sent to Rio emphasizing the importance of identifying the other unknown agent through Strecht and requesting that the names of all individuals known by Strecht to be connected with the German Intelligence be furnished to us by radiogram so that information concerning these individuals may be sent to Rio to aid in Strecht's interrogation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEURGENT
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AUGUST 2, 1945

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MR. H. J. LYNCH
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON, ENGLAND

PEASANT CASE, ESPIONAGE DASH G. REURLT JULY FIFTEEN. [THIS CASE NOT CONSIDERED CLOSED AND BRITISH MAY DISPOSE OF PEASANT AS THEY SEE FIT.] IT IS NOT DESIRED THAT PEASANT'S NOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM FURTHER AND HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT FOR HIS OWN SAFETY HE SHOULD NOT DISCUSS HIS ACTIVITIES UPON RETURNING TO THE CONTINENT.

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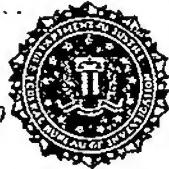
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

American Embassy
London, England
July 15, 1945

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(U) ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Re: PEASANT CASE
England Espionage - G

R. G. Fletcher
J. L. Davis

Reference is made to [redacted]

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Telegraph
R. G. Fletcher
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Very truly yours,

M. Joseph Lynch

M. Joseph Lynch
Legal Attache

MJL: FML

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 26, 1945

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Mr. Dennis A. Flinn

~~Transmit the following message to Legal Attache
CABLEGRAM - URGENT
CIPHER PAD~~The American Embassy
Lisbon, PortugalPEASANT CASE. ACASO ¹ STRECHT ARRESTED BY BRAZILIAN POLICE ON BASISb2
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INFORMATION BY BUREAU OTHER THAN [REDACTED] AND POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH GOLDSCHMIDT. STRECHT ADMITTED RECRUITED BY GERMANS IN PORTUGAL, GIVEN THREE MONTHS TRAINING IN BREMEN, GERMANY. NAMED FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS OF GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE LOCATED ON RUA ALVAROS CABRAL, PORTO, PORTUGAL: MARIO ~~TERREIRA~~
~~PINHEIRO~~, CASTRO ~~DIAS~~ AND ~~OLIVEIRA~~ SEVERINO. ALSO NAMED ~~MARIMAO~~, OFFICIAL OF AGENCIA UNIVERSAL, LISBON, AS MEMBER. LISTED FOLLOWING AS HIS DROPS: SEBASTIAN ~~FERNANDEZ~~
~~LAUTENTE~~, CARRETERA DEL PARDO NUMBER NINE, MADRID; JOSE ~~BRITTO~~ JR., RUA FORNOSA 360, PORTO, PORTUGAL; ANTONIO ~~TEIXEIRO~~, DEALER IN DRAWING EQUIPMENT, VILLA REAL, SPAIN. ON APRIL 5, 1945 HE RECEIVED 12500 CRUZIROS (\$625) SENT BY GERMANS THROUGH FRANCISCO FRANCO CANAS OF CANAS, MARRINS E OLIVERIA LTDA., RUA AUREA 81, LISBON THROUGH EMPLOYEES EXCHANGE HOUSE, CASA ALIANCA, RIO DE JANEIRO. TRANSACTION HANDLED LIKE NUMEROUS OTHER BLACK MARKET TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN CANAS AND CASA ALIANCA BY TRANSMITTAL OF SHORT NOTES OF INTRODUCTION BEARING CODE NUMBERS TO INDICATE AMOUNT PAID. BRAZILIAN POLICE REQUEST THAT BE GIVEN RESULT OF INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS NAMED IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN BY STRECHT AND ARE WITHHOLDING ALL PUBLICITY AWAITING THAT INFORMATION. FURNISH CABLE SUMMARY ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ABOVE AND YOUR OPINION AS TO ADVISABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. MADRID BEING SIMILARLY CABLED REGARDING PERSONS NAMED THERE.

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July 28, 1945.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:
RADIOGRAM-URGENT
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Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

PEASANT CASE. YOUR RADIograms JULY 21 and 25, 1945. BURIMU FILES NEGATIVE ON INDIVIDUAL NAMED BY STRECHT OTHER THAN INFORMATION ALREADY FURNISHED YOU. LISBON AND MADRID REQUESTED TO CABLE SUMMARY INFORMATION AVAILABLE THERE AND TO STATE ADVISABILITY OF FURNISHING INFORMATION TO SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. NO PUBLICITY CAN BE GIVEN TO ANY INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR RELATIVE TO GOLDSCHMIDT. BUREAU SEES NO OBJECTION IN GIVING PUBLICITY REGARDING STRECHT'S ARREST, CONFESSION OF RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING BUT DAI NOT DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICITY SHOULD BE GIVEN RELATIVE TO PERSONS NAMED IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THOSE COUNTRIES.

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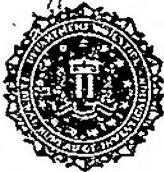
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August 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM - LABORATORY REPORT

Re: PEASANT CASE

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on July 25, 1945.

- Q59 Air mail envelope, typewritten address "Sr Antonio Azevedo rua Gago Coutinho, 56 - Laranjeiras. Rio de Janeiro Brasil", typewritten return address on reverse side "P. A. Santos 30-Rockefeller Plaza New York City U. S. A." postmarked "NEW YORK, N.Y. JUL 18 7:30 PM 1945".
Q60 Accompanying handwritten letter in foreign language dated "New York, 17-7-45", beginning "Boa Louroles Hajé estou....", bearing handwritten signature "Maria Jose."

The handwriting and typewriting on the above listed evidence were compared with the appropriate sections of the National Security File and with material of a comparable nature in this case but no identification was effected. Suitable photographic copies of this material have been added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q59 and Q60 were examined for the presence of a concealed message, but none was found. A translation of Q60 is attached hereto.

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The above specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results. The Bureau deemed it advisable to treat these specimens in such fashion as not to stain them. Therefore, the examination to which they were subjected was limited.

EX-6 The original evidence, Q59 and Q60, was returned to the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on July 27, 1945. Photographic copies of this material have been retained for the completion of the laboratory's files.

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ADDITION: Specimens Q59 and Q60 were returned to Supervisor H. L. Davis for appropriate disposition on July 27, 1945. Non-staining tests were used at the request of Supervisor Davis of the Security Division. Attached hereto are photographic copies of specimens Q59 and Q60 for inclusion in the Bureau's files.



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R.P. S13

TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

New York, 7-17-45

Good Lourdes,

Today I am at home because of the rain and since it is raining thus, I am not taking my Jose to school, I am taking advantage (of the time) to write my good friend; besides you must have my letter written while we were still on the third floor, because now we are on the seventh and in room 7-5. Is your mother now in Rio? Pedro received a letter from your father saying that she would go to Rio and by the date of the letter she must have arrived there already.

Pedro wrote a letter to Azeuedo telling about the operation on his nose, and according to what he said he still goes to the doctor and each time he goes he pays 10 dollars; doctors and dentists here are very expensive, as well as living is also very expensive and we do not yet have any electrical provisions because of the war, even the radio which we obtained was second hand; but I hope that when you come, everything will be changed, if it is God's will. I do not know if you received my last letter, your not answering me makes me think that I do not respond to your tenderness and goodness to me here, this is what I do not want you to think, Lourdes, because regarding that about which I had an opportunity to speak, I only did it willingly, also because it could not be any other way, because you live only to help everybody in the family, and to suffer for all.

Meanwhile I have received only goodness from you and I shall be eternally grateful (that) I can be certain of this. Pedro sends love to you and to Azeuedo and asks D. Mariquinhas to bless him. Our love to all our family and remember us to Azeuedo's family.

We are now in full summer; near the hotel here there are marvelous parks where I take Jose to play; in one of them there is an immense artificial lake where there are boats to row; the verdure is exuberant, but here autumn comes to turn the leaves brown and then after that the winter to cover everything with snow. Good Lourdes, I am going to end with a big embrace from Pedro, kisses from Walter and Jose, and many greetings from your friend,

/s/ Maria Jose

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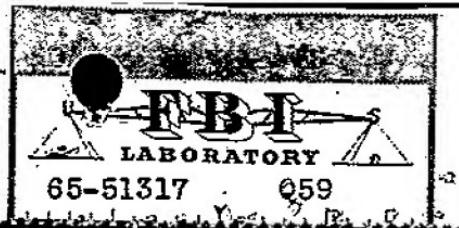
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VIA AIR MAIL

Sr Antonio Azevedo
rua Gago Coutinho, 56 -Laranjeiras.
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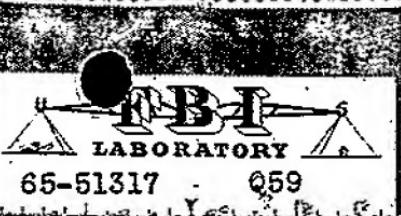
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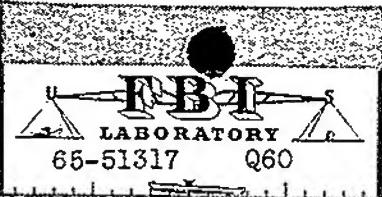


New York, 14-4-45.

Boas Perguntas:

O George estava em casa por motivos de chuvia e como chuveiros assim mesmo o meu José os colégios operários para escrever a sua amiga, sólida vez disse ter uma carta minha feita quando estávamos no Brasil porque agora estamos no Rio e no quarto. Entrou a sua mãe foi esta no Rio? O Pedro recebeu uma carta de seu pai dizendo que ele vai no Rio e pelo visto da carta ela já deve ter chegado lá.

O Pedro escreveu uma carta ao Agente contando a operários que fez no mar, e conforme ele disse pôde continuar no mar e cada vez que pôde deixar 10 dólares, meses e dentista aqui e emissário assim com a vida também está carregando e não temos nenhuma aparelhos elétricos por causa da guerra, até o rádio que conseguimos foi em segundo mas mas espero que quando pôde verem por tudo mundo se Deus quiser. Mas sei se você sabe bem a minha ultima carta, porque não respondeu, faz-me



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pensar que em não corresponde
a sua delicadeza e leviosidade por
não comuns a mim; e isto em não
queria lhe dizer, que você pense,
porque o seu respeito, com quem
é que oportunidade de falar
não o fiz ele bem, mesmo por
que não podendo por de outra
forma, porque você só veio
para a publicar a todos da fa-
mília e se profere por todos.

Toronto de você os bons re-
cursos londrinos e que perdi eten-
temente gratis pode estar cer-
ta disso. O Pedro mandou-lhe e
as Agências um grande alvará
e pede ao Dr. Marques suas opiniões
além disso. De nossos alvarás a todos
os nossos e recomendação a famílias
de Agueda.

Estamos agora em pleno verão; na
área perto do hotel parques maravilho-
sos onde levar o José para brincar; pri-
meiro tem um imenso bosque artifical
onde há bancos para olhar; e ver
de e caribeano, mas o José nem o ouviu
para jogar as folhas no chão e logo
após o inverno para colher frutos de
neve. Bem, o mundo deve terminar com um
grande abraço do Pedro beijo de Walter e José
e muitos londrinos seu amigo, Maria José.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:

Transmit the following message to:

Mr. E. D. Clegg
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
Madrid, Spain

U.S. Comd. A. P. Gilm. #328
Lt. Col. Attilio 8-7-43
The American Infantry 6:03 A. M.
Section, Portugal

GENERAL & INDUSTRIAL

WILSON LIVED IN AN HONEST MANNER AND HE CONDUCTED HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES
IN A HONEST MANNER. HE NEVER RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE
PROMULGATED AND SPREAD DISMISSED REPORTS RELATING TO HIM, EXCEPT THE CASE OF
HAROLD WILSON, OWNED BY BIRMINGHAM CORPORATION NOT OWNED BY COTTON BUD INDUSTRIES
APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS AGO. REPORTS RELATING TO HAROLD WILSON WERE RECEIVED BY COTTON BUD INDUSTRIES
IN CONNECTION WITH COTTON BUD INDUSTRIES PURCHASE OF HAROLD WILSON'S COMPANY. THESE
REPORTS WERE WRITTEN BY JOHN WILSON AND WALTER WILSON OF HAROLD WILSON'S STAFF AND
PARTICULARLY INDICATED THAT HAROLD WILSON HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN COTTON BUD INDUSTRIES
WITH FINANCIAL FRIENDS PRESENT. THESE REPORTS WERE WRITTEN

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cc - Fletcher, Rm. 1643
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BY SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

No. 65-5017-619

Date: August 4, 1945

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Mr. Frederick R. Von
Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Coordination
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT (LIBAIRA) - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Acacio Augusto Strecht (Libairo), a Portuguese citizen, was arrested by Brazilian Police on July 16, 1945, after information was furnished to Brazilian authorities indicating that Strecht was a trained German agent. Strecht admitted being recruited by the German Espionage Service in Portugal and given three months' training in Bremen, Germany, including instruction in the operation of clandestine radio transmitters. He had in his possession microdots containing diagrams and instructions for setting up a radio transmitter, the codes he was to use, and the types of espionage information he was to gather. He denies any espionage activity since his arrival in Brazil in October, 1944.

Strecht has stated that the following are members of the German Intelligence Service office located on Rua Alvaro Cabral, Porto, Portugal: Mario Ferreira Pinheiro, Castro, and one "Everhino." It is known that Mario Ferreira Pinheiro has been arrested by the Portuguese authorities as a German agent. Strecht stated that a man named Hiebleisen furnished his expenses while he was in Madrid and a man named Klaffer, an officer in the Antico Germanico, Madrid, arranged his transportation to Germany when he was sent to Bremen for his three months' training. Another member of the German Intelligence organization is "Colaco," an official of the Agencia Universal in Lisbon.

Strecht stated that on April 5, 1945, he received 12,500 cruzeiros (\$625 U.S.) from the Gaststätte, Rio de Janeiro, which money was sent to him by the Germans through Francisco Franco, alias of António Martins e Oliveira, Rua Aurora 61, Lisbon, Portugal. Strecht was furnished the following three radio drops for use in forwarding information to his German superiors:

José Britto, Jr., Rua Fernosa 360, Porto, Portugal

Antonio Faixero, dealer in drawing equipment, Villa Real, Spain

Sebastian Fernández Lafuente, Carretera del Pardo No. 9, Madrid, Spain

The Brazilian Police have not released any publicity regarding this. They desire to obtain information regarding Strecht's German contacts in Spain and Portugal. They are particularly desirous that

Mr. Tolson
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Miss Clegg
Miss Coffey
Miss Gandy
Miss Glavin
Miss Ladd
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Canas be interviewed regarding the details of remittances of funds to Strecht and other persons possibly connected with espionage. The transaction was handled like numerous black market transactions between Canas and the Casa Alianca, by transmittal of short notes of introduction bearing code numbers to indicate the amount to be paid.

The Brazilian Police advised that in the event it is not desired to furnish information regarding the German contacts in Spain and Portugal through the American Embassies in those countries, they will do so directly and if satisfactory cooperation is not given by the Spanish and Portuguese authorities, they will consider publication of details, including the presence of German agents in Portugal and Spain and accusing these countries of harboring Axis agents. They believe that this action will force the arrest and interrogation of these German contacts in Spain and Portugal.

The Legal Attachés in Madrid and Lisbon have been furnished with the information contained in this memorandum. It is requested that advice be given as to whether this information should be furnished to the Portuguese and Spanish authorities through our Embassies or whether the Brazilian Police should make their request direct to the Spanish and Portuguese authorities.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Attention: Brigadier General C. V. Clarke

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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 8-2-45 NR 206 5:51 PM EUT.

PEAKANT CASE. RIO DE JANEIRO POLICE ARE WAITING ADVICE AS TO WHETHER LAUEAU CAN INVESTIGATE OR ARRANGE INVESTIGATION BY PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH AUTHORITIES. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY SUSPICIOUS THAT LAUENAS BE INTERVIEWED RE DETAILS OF REMITTANCE OF FUNDS FROM PRECHT AND OTHER PERSONS POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH ESPIONAGE. IN THE EVENT LAUENAU DOES NOT DESIRE TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO THOSE AUTHORITIES, POLICE WILL DO SO DIRECTLY AND IF SATISFACTORY COOPERATION NOT GIVEN POLICE CONSIDERING PUBLICATION OF DETAILS INCLUDING PRESENCE OF GERMAN AGENTS IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN AND ACTUATING THOSE COUNTRIES OF HARBOURING AXIS AGENTS. THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTION WILL FORCE ARREST AND INTERROGATION THERE. ENRASSY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND OCTOBER IN POLICY OF THIS OFFICE IN MAKING NO RECOMMENDATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER LAUENAU WISHES TO DIRECT INVESTIGATION IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN OR WISHES POLICE TO CONTACT THOSE AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY.

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 Cables: Madrid, Portugal - 8-3-45
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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : R. G. Fletcher

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: August 2, 1945

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BACKGROUND

As you will recall, this double agent operation was handled through simulation of Informant Goldschmidt's handwriting and telegraphic touch, while Goldschmidt actually remained in England.

The problem has now come up as to what disposition the British authorities should make of Goldschmidt. At the time this case was active, we had requested the British authorities to keep a close check on Goldschmidt and keep him in England in order that the case would not be compromised. The case, however, is now closed and there is attached a letter from Lynch pointing out that the British are faced with the problem of handling a disgruntled and unwanted alien who is without funds and that the Dutch authorities in England are also fed up with Goldschmidt, who is causing unnecessary trouble by going from one Government department to another asking for a position and he is the type of person who finds it difficult to earn his living. The British, of course, want to get him out of England. (S)

The problem also arises as to how much Goldschmidt should be told about his notional activities in the United States. In other words, if Goldschmidt, upon his release, encounters a member of the German Intelligence Service and the latter brings up Goldschmidt's work in the United States, Goldschmidt would know nothing about it and the Intelligence office would then know that we had simulated Goldschmidt's handwriting and telegraphic touch. On the other hand, if we were to brief Goldschmidt on his notional activities, it might place him in a position of either writing a book or holding himself out to the Dutch authorities and Dutch people as an unsung hero.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the British be advised that we now consider this case closed and that they may dispose of Goldschmidt as they see fit, and that we do not feel it desirable that he be briefed on his notional activities in the United States.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEHLD:mop
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

August 3, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

Mr. H. M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, BrazilURGENT RADIOGRAM
BY CIPHER END

PERHAPS GAGE. REFERENCE YOUR RADIOGRAM AUGUST 2, 1945.
 INFORMATION CONCERNING STRENGTH FURNISHED STATE DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH BRAZILIAN
 POLICE POSITION WITH REQUEST THAT STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER INFORMATION
 SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES THROUGH AMERICAN
 EMBASSIES OR WHETHER BRAZILIAN POLICE SHOULD DO IT DIRECTLY. YOU WILL BE ADVISED
 SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: August 3, 1945

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: ④ PEASANT CASE JHM

Please refer to my memorandum to you of July 26, 1945, advising of the information obtained from Acacio Strecht, German-trained agent arrested by Brazilian Police in Rio de Janeiro after we furnished information implicating Strecht in espionage. Strecht furnished the names of a number of his German contacts in both Spain and Portugal.

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Our Legal Attaché at Rio has sent in a radiogram stating that the Brazilian Police are awaiting advice as to whether arrangements can be made to have the Portuguese and Spanish authorities investigate and interrogate these contacts. They state that in the event the Bureau does not desire to furnish information to the Spanish and Portuguese authorities, they will do so directly and if satisfactory cooperation is not given by those authorities, consideration will be given to publication of details of the case, including the presence of German agents in Spain and Portugal and accusing these countries of harboring Axis agents. They believe that this action will force the arrest and interrogation of agents in those countries.

The Embassy in Rio is being kept advised of developments and concur in policy of our office there in making no recommendations.

Cables to Lisbon and Madrid were attached to my referenced memorandum to you furnishing them with the information obtained from Strecht and requesting opinions as to the advisability and effectiveness of furnishing this information to the Spanish and Portuguese authorities for appropriate action. No reply has been received.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be forwarded to State, ONI, and G-2, setting forth the information obtained from Strecht. It will be noted that the State Department is requested to settle the question of policy as to whether the information should be furnished to the Spanish and Portuguese authorities through the American Embassies or whether the Brazilian authorities should do it directly.

Attached also are cables to Madrid and Lisbon advising them of the Brazilian Police position and requesting a reply to the previous Bureau cables. Attached also is a radiogram to Rio advising of the action taken.

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August 10, 1946.

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Mr. Heber W. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

PEASANT CASE
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Reference is made to your letter of July 21, 1946 transmitting one set of microdots which had been taken by the Rio de Janeiro police from ACACIO AUGUSTO STREIT KISBIRG.

The requested examination has been conducted and there are being attached copies of the report of the FBI Laboratory together with four sets of photographic copies and the original evidence. There is also being attached hereto a copy of the FBI Laboratory report for the files of your office together with two sets of photographic copies of the microdots.

It is requested that the Laboratory report be delivered to the Chief of Police, Rio de Janeiro together with the four sets of photographic copies of the microdots as well as the original microdots.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

CEE:JC

To:

August 10, 1946

Mr. Eusébio Alberto Lins de Barros
Chief of Police
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence which was forwarded at your request and received in the FBI Laboratory on August 3, 1946.

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

AGACIO AUGUSTO ERECHT BARROSO
ESPIONAGE - GERMAN

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

Examination requested by:

66-51317

B-41123 AT

Reference:

CR-2433 DA

Addressee ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

SP-286 BP

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

Document - Special Photography - Cryptographic - Radio

One glass slide containing four microdots.

Result of Examination:

The four microdots on the strip of film which was submitted to the FBI Laboratory were examined and photographed. The examination revealed that as far as the subject matter is concerned there are actually only two microdots on the strip of film, the second two microdots being duplicates of the first two. One natural size object shot was made of this film strip as it was received in the Laboratory. A five times enlargement of the strip of film showing all the microdots thereon and a two hundred times enlargement of each individual microdot were also made and four copies of these photographs are attached hereto. The microdots on the strip of film have been designated as numbers one through four, reading from left to right. The enlarged photographs have been numbered on the reverse side to correspond with these numbers, indicating which enlarged photographs are photographs of the respective microdots.

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Enclosure

cc-Legal Attaché, Rio de Janeiro
cc-SIS Division

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The questioned specimen was found to contain a description of a cipher system and transmission data for use in radio contact as well as a set of diagrams. Examination revealed that the diagram is a circuit diagram for a radio transmitter with alternating current power supply. American type tubes are indicated, the circuit appears to be workable, would be expected to have a power output of about thirty watts and includes a self-excited oscillator which eliminates need for a crystal. Instructions for construction of the antenna and making radio contact are included in the microdots.

Microdots are simply photographs which have been reduced photographically so that they are extremely small. Microdots vary in size and shape from approximately 1/32nd of an inch to 1/4th of an inch in length and width.

As a matter of information, there follows a description of the general process by which microdots may be made. First, a photographic negative is made of the subject matter to be photographed, reducing it until it is approximately one inch square in size. This negative is usually made with a 35 millimeter camera, however, almost any type of camera could be used. The exposed and developed negative is then placed over a light source which is the beginning of the procedure to accomplish the final reduction to dot size. This negative is then photographed by the so-called "dot camera". The appearance of this "dot camera" may vary to some extent but in principle it consists simply of a monocular microscope used in reverse so that the eye piece will become the taking lens and the objective will be in the focal plane thus reducing the image very greatly. The film used is believed to be of the collodion emulsion type. This is prepared by the user and stored in bottles in liquid form. Immediately prior to using, it is poured over a piece of glass; the emulsion then settles to a very thin layer. After exposure in the camera, it is developed and removed from the glass resulting in a very thin film of about the thickness of ordinary cellophane.

In accordance with your request, four sets of photographic copies of the microdots are being transmitted herewith. The submitted evidence designated above is being returned herewith. Photographic copies are being retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory.

AUGENDUM: It was found that the typewriting on the four microdots which are designated in the FBI Laboratory as Q61 is too indistinct to permit adequate examination or comparison. The diagram contained in the microdot was searched through the appropriate section of the National Security File without effecting an identification. Two sets of photographic copies of the microdots together with translations from the Portuguese are being transmitted herewith for the office of the Legal Attaché, Rio de Janeiro.

TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

Schedule of Transmissions QRM 1 - 0230-0300, frequency 3, QRM 2 - 1530-1600, frequency 1, QM 3 - 2230-2300, frequency 2 (all time is Central European).

Frequencies for Transmissions: Line 11 - 16345 kc, 3 - 10225 kc, 2 - 7343 kc. Yours: 1 - 19775 kc, 11 10650 kc, P - 7325 kc. Until the best point of contact is found, this is in effect -- only in the same frequency with 19775 kc, 16650 kc, and 7325 kc.

Transmission Antenna for frequency 1 - 25.10 m, R 33 m, Z - 27.60 m.

Counterantenna for frequency 1 - 3.20 m, R - 5.35 m, Z - 3.20 m.

Direction of the antenna R and Z - east, of the counterantenna - west; of antenna Y - east-northeast, of the counterantenna - west by west.

Key ABC

Position of Indicator 8th group

Special key for Indicator Group

FOI NO 11/STN//3 0/ 11/11
112 2 34 537 89 C O

1st-3rd letters = nulls.

4th and 5th letters indicate the date on which the telegram was enciphered.

Key words for the construction of the key:

1. ORGANIZACAO
2. Quem foram os primeiros navegadores

Method of forming the key, composed of 7 lines:

1st-4th lines: alphabetical in distinct groups, 5th line: alphabetical mixed according to the first key word, 6th line: 2nd key, 7th line: numerical key derived from word No. 2. The key having been formed, it is necessary to keep in mind that the text begins in the space beneath the day on which the key was formed. The total number of letters must be divisible by five. The transforming of the text into code must be done by lines. Once the first part is finished it is necessary to cross out (leave blank) the column under the date on which the key was effected, excluding 1/1, 2/2, etc. Beginning with number "1" it should be taken out column by column, setting it down by lines. It could also be observed that in this case it begins according to the number of the corresponding month. Afterwards read the text once more by vertical columns, beginning with No. "1" and writing down horizontally in groups of five.

Key Cards to be used only in accordance with agreement 1. RECONHECIMENTO
2. Lulhares lindas no seu seculo ficas.

All lines: Mine: Joaquim de Albuquerque mostrou nas campanhas de Africa ser um grande militar. Yours: O primeiro navegador que deu a volta ao mundo foi o portugues Fernao de Magalhaes no servico da Espanha. For frequency Y/H - horizontal from left to right; for frequency R, Z/H, P - diagonal from top to

bottom from right to left.

Method of Carrying out Transmissions: call 5 minutes, listen 5 minutes, you begin.

Work Days: until new agreement or (it is) refuted call on the 5th-10th, 15th-20th, 25th-30th of each month.

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Translated: R. Costin
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TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

Schedule of Transmissions QRT 1 - 0230-0300, frequency 3, QRT 2 - 1530-1600, frequency 1, QRT 3 - 2230-2300, frequency 2 (all time is Central European).

Frequencies for Transmissions: Miket: H - 18345 kc, B - 10228 kc, Z - 7393 kc. Yours: L - 19775 kc, M 10650 kc, P - 7325 kc. Until the best point of contact is found, this is in effect -- only in the same frequency with 19775 kc, 10650 kc, and 7325 kc.

Transmision antenna for frequency H - 25.10 m, B 33 m, Z - 27.60 m.

Counterantenna for frequency M - 3.50 m, B - 5.85 m, Z - 8.20 m.

Direction of the antenna H and B - east, of the counterantenna - west; of antenna Z - east northeast, of the counterantenna - west by west.

Key ABC

Position of Indicator 6th group

Special Key for Indicator Group

FOI N/101/301/16 40/ 10/1942
112 2 34 567 . 89 . 0 . 0

1st-3rd letters = nulls.

4th and 5th letters indicate the date on which the telegram was enciphered.

Key words for the construction of the key:

1. ONU/UNESCO
2. Quem formou os principais navegadores

Method of forming the key, composed of 7 lines:

1st-4th lines: alphabetical in distinct groupings, 5th line: alphabetical mixed according to the first key word, 6th line: 2nd key, 7th line: numerical key derived from word No. 2. The key having been formed, it is necessary to keep in mind that the text begins in the space beneath the day on which the key was formed. The total number of letters must be divisible by five. The transforming of the text into code must be done by lines. Once the first part is finished it is necessary to cross out (leave blank) the column under the date on which the key was effected, excluding 1/1, 2/2, etc. Beginning with number "1" it should be taken out column by column, setting it down by lines. It should also be observed that in this case it begins according to the number of the corresponding month. Afterwards read the text once more by vertical columns, beginning with No."1" and writing down horizontally in groups of five.

Key Words to be used only in accordance with agreement made: 1. EXCLUSIVAMENTE
2. Mulheres lindas nao sao sempre fieis.

Call Signs: Lina: Mousinho de Albuquerque mestre nas campanhas de Africa serviu grande militar. Yours: O príncipe navegador que deu a volta ao mundo foi o português Fernão de Magalhães no serviço da espanha. For frequency Y/L - horizontal from left to right; for frequency B, Z/H, P - diagonal from top to

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
July 21, 1945

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: O PEASANT CASE
Brazil - ESPIONAGE - G
Bureau file 65-51317

Dear Sir:

When ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO was arrested by the Rio de Janeiro Police on July 16, 1945, he admitted to them that he had been employed by a German espionage service in Portugal and had been given three months intensive espionage training in Bremen, Germany, this training including instruction in the construction and operation of a short-wave radio transmitter and instruction in code to be used in making radio transmission.

The instructions for the construction of a short-wave radio together with the code to be used were given to STRECHT in the form of microdots to be carried with him to Brazil. The instructions were photographed on three microdots, and he was furnished three identical sets of these dots which he hid ~~RECORDED~~ lining of his raincoat. Each set of three dots was mounted on a small strip of cellophane. The three sets were located by the Rio de Janeiro Police, and they have furnished to this office one set of microdots which is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover. The strip containing the dots was mounted by the police on a glass slide and is being forwarded in that form.

The Rio de Janeiro Police have been able to read the microdots with the aid of a small microscope but advised that they have had difficulty in preparing legible photographs of the dots. They asked that they be furnished copies of photographs made from these dots. It is requested that four copies be furnished for the Rio de Janeiro Police in addition to copies for the files of this office.

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Messrs. E.A.Tamm, Glavin, Coffey, Ross,
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Director, FBI

Re: PEASANT CASE; ESPIONAGE - G

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The police have also requested that the FBI Laboratory furnish a complete laboratory report on the dots for inclusion in their report in the case to be used in possible future legal action against STRECHT.

The police request that the microdots be returned to them after the examination by the FBI Laboratory in order that they will have the three sets to complete the evidence file in the case.

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GAV

Very truly yours,

H. Clegg

HEBER M. CLEGG
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cc FBI Laboratory
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DECODE OF DOUBLE CODE CABLE NUMBER 277 FROM SIS NUMBER 206 DATED AUGUST 10, 1945 AT MADRID, SPAIN. RECEIVED VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Spain - Esp. S.

PEASANT CASE. REFERENCE BUREAU CABLES 249 AND 255. NO RECORD OF SUBJECT. NICOLEISEN. AND DROP IN GERMAN CONSULATE, O.S.S., OR

[REDACTED] ONE SCHAFER PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH OSKAR SCHAFER GERMAN CONSULATE RECORDS REFLECT WAS BORN WESTFAlia, GERMANY, 1903, IS OFFICIAL BANCO GERMANICO, MADRID; MARRIED; TWO CHILDREN; RESIDES CALLE FERNAN GONZALEZ 27, MADRID; ARRIVED SPAIN 1929; NO MILITARY SERVICE, BUT CALLED UP JANUARY 1943 AND APPLIED FOR EXEMPTION FEBRUARY 1944; DESCRIBED AS MEDIUM HEIGHT, GREY EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR. COPY OF RECORD GIVING PHOTOGRAPHS AND SIGNATURE BEING FORWARDED. [REDACTED]

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(u) HAS NO RECORD SCHAFER. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. NAME OF SCHAFER WILL BE PLACED ON LIST OF AXIS AGENTS WHOSE REPATRIATION TO GERMANY BEING REQUESTED. CONSIDERED DOUBTFUL THAT SPANISH AUTHORITIES WOULD ARREST AND INTERROGATE CONTACTS OF SUBJECT AND SUGGEST THAT BRAZILIAN POLICE TAKE ANY ACTION DESIRED. IN THE EVENT WISHED THIS EMBASSY MAKE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE THIS CASE ADDITIONAL DETAILS NECESSARY. *(X)*

NOTE - UNDERLINED PORTIONS OBTAINED FROM GARBLES.

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N. L. Davis
R. S. Fletcher

DECODE OF DOUBLE CODE CABLE NUMBER 561 FROM SIS NUMBER 7009 DATED AUGUST 3, 1945 FROM LISBON, PORTUGAL. RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

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PEASANT CASE. REFER TO YOUR CABLE JULY 24 AND AUGUST 7.

(U) [REDACTED] PINHEIRO ARRESTED DECEMBER 1944 THROUGH DOUBLECROSS AGENT WORKING FOR BRITISH AND RELEASED BY PORTUGUESE INTERNATIONAL POLICE JULY 14, 1945. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY FURNISHED. (S)

PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES RELUCTANT TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNLESS PRESSURE EXERTED AND DEFINITE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH COPIES OF SIGNED STATEMENTS OF STRECHT. BRAZIL POLICE WOULD ACCOMPLISH NOTHING BY FURNISHING INFORMATION DIRECT. RECOMMEND BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES RELEASE PUBLICITY OF ARRIVAL OF STREAMER OUTLINED BUREAU'S CABLE AUGUST 7. THEN WHEN SIGNED STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE THIS OFFICE IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO PORTUGAL AUTHORITIES BY AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE WITH REQUEST FOR ACTION. SUGGEST ALSO PUBLICITY CONTAIN INFORMATION RE RELEASE OF PINHEIRO EVEN AFTER DEFINITE IDENTIFICATION AS GERMAN AGENT. ALSO SEND NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF INSTANT PUBLICITY.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. M. Ladd

DATE: July 13, 1945

FROM: W. M. Felt

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

As you know, radio contact in this case was successfully maintained from August 26, 1944, until April 28, 1945. The channel of communication was utilized by the Joint Security Control to transmit deceptive information to Germany. That the Germans had confidence in Peasant is indicated by information received from JSC to the effect that deceptive messages sent over the Peasant channel were later relayed by the Germans to the Japanese.

In spite of numerous obstacles not ordinarily involved in a double agent operation, the development of this case has been exceptionally successful. The success of the case is due in no small part to the good work of Special Agent Maurice A. Taylor of the Washington Field Office, to whom this case was assigned.

The Laboratory Personnel who participated in this case have received letters of commendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, it is recommended that consideration be given to granting SA Taylor a meritorious increase in salary.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. C. H. CARSON

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: July 2, 1945

Please refer to my memorandum to you of July 18, 1945, advising that Acacio Strecht had been arrested by the Brazilian police in Rio de Janeiro after we furnished information implicating Strecht in espionage.

Streht admitted he had been recruited, trained and sent by the Germans to Brazil for an espionage mission. The Rio de Janeiro Office has now advised that Streht has stated that the following are members of the German Intelligence Service located on Rua Alvaros Cabral, Porto, Portugal: Mario Ferreira Pinheiro, Castro Dias and one Severhino. He stated that a man named Nicoleisen furnished him expenses while he was in Madrid and that a man named Schaffer, an officer in the Banco Germanicao, Madrid, arranged his transportation to Germany when he went to Bremen for three month's training. Another member of the German organization was "Reimao", an official of the Agencia Universal in Lisbon. Streht was furnished the following three drops: Jose Britto, Jr., Rua Formosa 360, Porto, Portugal; Antonio Teixeiro, dealer in drawing equipment, Villa Real, Spain; and Sebastian Hernandez Lafuente, Carretera Del Pardo Number Nine, Madrid. Streht advised that on April 5, 1945, he received 12,500 cruzeiros (\$625 U.S.) from the Employees Exchange House, Casa Alianca, Rio de Janeiro, which money was sent to him by the Germans through Francisco Franco Canas of Canas, Martins e Oliveria Ltda., Rua Aureal 81, Lisbon. Streht has not identified any other agents in Brazil or on the boat on which he came to Brazil. We know from [redacted] that another agent did come on the boat with him but, of course, this information can not be used in questioning Streht. He admits that while he was in Portugal he received one letter for the Germans from the United States. He does not recall the city where it was posted, but says it was written in Spanish, dated Washington, D. C. and was signed "Ely". This undoubtedly was the letter sent by the Bureau ostensibly coming from Helmuth Goldschmidt, the notional double agent in this case. Brazilian police request that they be given results of investigation of persons in Spain and Portugal named by Streht and are withholding all publicity awaiting that information.

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The Bureau files are negative with regard to the agents named with the exception of Mario Ferreira Pinheiro who was arrested by the Portuguese police and furnished information which implicated Streht as an agent. It was this information we were able to furnish to the Brazilian police and thus not jeopardize the information we received from [redacted]. The Rio de Janeiro office also requests that the Bureau advise as to its desire regarding publicity of this case.

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It is recommended that the attached cables to Madrid and Lisbon be sent advising them of the information furnished by Streht relative to the respective countries with a request that all information available be furnished and that the advisability and effectiveness of furnishing this information to the Spanish and Portuguese authorities be stated. It is recommended that the attached radiogram 537 5 AUG 30 1945 be sent to Rio de Janeiro instructing that under no circumstances should any

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publicity be given to any information secured from [redacted] or relative to Goldschmidt. No such information has been given to the Brazilian police so no difficulty will be encountered in this respect. The radiogram also states that the Bureau has no objection to publicity of the fact of Strecht's arrest, confession of his recruitment and training but that it can not be determined what publicity should be given regarding the individuals named in Spain and Portugal until information is received from Spain and Portugal.

Attachment

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 FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 7-25-45 NR 187 2:10 P.M. EUT

PEASANT CASE. STRECHT ADVISED THAT ON APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE HE RECEIVED 12500 CRUZEIROS FROM EMPLOYEES, EXCHANGE HOUSE, CASA ALIANCA, IN RIO DE JANEIRO. MONEY SENT BY GERMANS THROUGH FRANCISCO FRANCOS CANAS OF CANAS, MARTINS + OLIVERIA LTDA, RUA AUREAB 81, LISBON. TRANSACTION HANDLED, LIKE NUMEROUS OTHER BLACK MARKET TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN CANAS AND CASA ALIANCA, BY TRANSMITTAL OF SHORT NOTES OF INTRODUCTION BEARING CODE NUMBERS TO INDICATE AMOUNT TO BE PAID. SUBJECT CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW IDENTITY OF ORIGINAL IF SENT. HE HAS NOT IDENTIFIED OTHER AGENTS HERE OR ON BOAT. WHILE IN PORTUGAL HE RECEIVED ONE LETTER FOR ESPIONAGE SERVICE FROM THE UNITED STATES. HE DOES NOT RECALL CITY OR WHERE POSTED BUT SAYS IT WAS WRITTEN IN SPANISH, HE NEVER SPOKE OF WASHINGTON AND WAS SIGNED QUOTE ELVY UNQUOTE. POLICE REQUEST RECORDED THAT THEY BE GIVEN RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL NAMED BY STRECHT AND ARE WITHOLDING ALL PUBLICITY AWAITING THAT INFORMATION. REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE AS TO ITS DESIRE REGARDING PUBLICITY OF THE CASE.

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July 28, 1945

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Mr. F. G. Siscoe
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The American Embassy
Madrid, Spain

PEASANT CASE. AGACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT, PORTUGUESE, ARRESTED BY BRAZILIAN POLICE, RIO DE JANEIRO, ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BUREAU IDENTIFYING HIM AS AGENT. HE ADMITTED BEING AGENT. STATED ONE NICOLAISEN FURNISHED HIM EXPENSES WHILE IN MADRID, 1944, AND ONE SCHAFER, OFFICER BANCO GERMANICO, MADRID, ARRANGED TRANSPORTATION TO GERMANY FOR TRAINING. SEBASTIAN FERNANDEZ LAJUENTE, CARRETERA DEL PARDO NUMBER NINE, MADRID AND ANTONIO MUÑIZERO, DEALER IN DRIVING EQUIPMENT, VILLA REAL, SPAIN GIVEN HIM AS DROPS. NAMED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS PORTUGAL WHERE HE WAS RECRUITED AS MEMBERS OF GERMAN INTELLIGENCE. BRAZILIAN POLICE REQUEST THEY BE GIVEN RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS PERSONS IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL GIVEN BY STRECHT AND ARE WITHHOLDING ALL PUBLICITY AVAILING THAT INFORMATION. FURNISH CABLE SUMMARY ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE OF PERSONS NAMED THERE AND ADVISABILITY OF FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO SPANISH AUTHORITIES FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. LISBON BEING SIMILARLY CALED REGARDING PERSONS NAMED THERE.

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 7-21-45 NR 180 5-58 P.M. EWT

PEASANT CASE. STRECHT LISTED AS MEMBER OF GERMAN INFORMATION SERVICE LOCATED ON RUA ALVAROS CABRAL, PORTO, PORTUGAL, ONE SEVERHINO, CASTRO DELAS, AND MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO. ONE NICOLEISEN FURNISHED HIM EXPENSES IN MADRID, AND ONE SCHAFER, OFFICER IN BANCO GERMANICO, MADRID, ARRANGED HIS TRANSPORTATION TO GERMANY. SUBJECT SAYS ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE GERMAN ORGANIZATION WAS REIMAO, AN OFFICIAL OF THE AGENCIA UNIVERSAL IN LISBON. STRECHT LISTED THREE PERSONS AS DROPS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: JOSE BRITTO JR, RUA FORMOSA 360, PORTO, PORTUGAL; ANTONIO FEIXEIRO, DEALER IN DRAWING EQUIPMENT, VILLA REAL, SPAIN; AND SEBASTIAN FERNANDEZ LAFUENTE, CARRETERA DEL PARDO NUMBER NINE, MADRID.

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This case is a double agent operation involving radio communication with Germany through Peasant, a "notional" informant. Peasant is the code name for a German spy presently in England for whom the Bureau has created a fictitious espionage career in the United States.

During November, 1942, Peasant was recruited by German Intelligence officials of Abt Hamburg. He agreed to work for the German Intelligence System believing, as he claims, that this afforded him an opportunity of escaping from German occupied Europe. At Hamburg he was trained extensively in the operation and construction of short-wave radio equipment. He was taught long-distance sending and receiving and he was given extensive instructions in radio code. He was also given instructions as to the use of secret info. He knew that he was being considered for an assignment to the United States on a mission jointly sponsored by SIS Berlin and SIS New York. He was trained extensively in the types of information which should be included in his reports.

After various delays he was taken to Lisbon, Portugal, where he was left on his own and instructed to make his way to the United States passing as a Jewish refugee. Peasant immediately turned himself over to British authorities, who in turn advised British authorities of the case. The British, recognizing the possibility of a double agent operation here, instructed Peasant to keep in touch with his mail drops in Lisbon, and in the meantime British authorities decided to take Peasant to London for interrogation.

After Peasant had been extensively interrogated by the British he was offered to our representative [in London] for use as a double agent in the United States. Our representative decided, however, after interrogating Peasant that his moral character was such that he would be a serious administrative problem if brought to the United States. The proposal was made, therefore, that Peasant be left in England but that the case be handled in such a way as to make the Germans believe that he secured passage to the United States to continue on his espionage mission. The Germans were so advised by secret info letters and Peasant arrived in the United States in December of 1943. He immediately advised the Germans, both by secret info letters and by calling home to his cover drops in the Peninsula, of his arrival and during February, 1944, the German control station was heard attempting to contact Peasant.

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After numerous delays, occasioned by a very great interest by the difficulty of maintaining Peasant's touch at the radiokey, radio contact with the Germans was attempted on August 16, 1944. Successful contact was not made, however, until August 26, 1944. Since that time and until the

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collapse of Germany Peasant remained in frequent contact with the control station at Marburg and a total of 142 messages were sent and 42 messages were received.

On April 19, 1945, the Germans advised Peasant that he must expect "temporary suspension of supervision" and that if he did not hear from them they should transmit messages "blind". On the same date the Germans also requested to be fully advised concerning the effect of the death of President Roosevelt. On April 23, 1945, the Germans indicated an urgent interest in "political reports and military dispositions". Messages were sent blind pursuant to these instructions until June 2, 1945. There was never any indication that these messages were received; however, and because the German colleague was so complete it was decided to terminate the case except for the routine monitoring presently being conducted by the FBI Laboratory.

The operation of this case has been exceptionally successful. In spite of numerous handicaps not usually encountered in double agent operations this case was developed to the point where the channel of communication with Germany was utilized by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to send deceptive information not only to Germany but to Japan. That the Germans had confidence in Peasant is indicated by advice received informally from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the effect that deceptive messages sent by Peasant were later employed by the Germans to the Japanese.

Another objective in any double agent operation is to identify and locate other German espionage agents. This will be explained in more detail under the heading "Interesting Investigative Features", we have been successful in this case in identifying [two German agents who were dispatched to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil] ~~15~~

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Poasant is a Dutch Jew who was educated in Germany. During World War I he served in the Dutch Army and thereafter he attempted to make his fortune in various occupations without success. In 1930, being a reserve officer, he applied for active duty in the Dutch Army and was accepted. He served various tours of duty during the 1930's and at the beginning of World War II he was a Captain in an Infantry Regiment of the Dutch Army. His unit went into action on the 10th of May, 1940, and in the shuffle Poasant found that his retreat had been much more rapid than that of his fellow soldiers to the extent that he was later tried by authorities for desertion.

Poasant lived in Soest, Holland, during the German occupation and, according to his story, he spent the greater part of his time attempting to escape from German occupied Europe. These attempts were unsuccessful.

In August, 1941, Poasant met by chance one Mathias Janssen, with whom he had previously been acquainted in business. Janssen was driving an official German car and claimed to be connected with the "Armed Korps, Number". In view of Poasant's activities it appears extremely probable, however, that he was actually a member of Act Lenster. Janssen saw Poasant frequently and proposed to him that he travel to the Western Hemisphere to work as an espionage agent for the Germans. Janssen had some difficulty, however, in selling his recruitment to the German Intelligence officials. During the fall of 1941 Janssen introduced Poasant to a Major Dr. Schmidt of Act Lenster. He did not make a favorable impression upon Schmidt, however, and nothing came of this meeting.

Only in 1942 Janssen introduced Poasant to one Ueber from Wilhelmshaven. Ueber offered to employ Poasant as an agent; however, Poasant declined. Janssen was quite put out and unquestionably began arrangements to put pressure on Poasant. Whether instigated by Janssen or not, proceedings against Poasant as a result of his alleged desertion were brought by the Nazi controlled Dutch authorities. Janssen finally came to Poasant and stated that if Poasant agreed to work as an agent arrangements could be made to have the desertion charges dropped. Poasant has stated that he agreed to work for the Germans for this reason and in November, 1942, Janssen took Poasant to Hamburg where he was introduced to one Werner, who was assistant to the Act Hamburg Leiter. In preliminary discussions with Werner arrangements were made for Poasant's salary and expenses, all of which were to be covered by \$5,000 for the first year. This money would be given Poasant prior to his departure.

Poasant was instructed to report to the Pension Hecke, Oberstrasse 103 or 104. There he received radio instruction from various instructors. During the first month he concentrated on sending and receiving, which was taught by one Seivler. He was given a practice key which he was to use during the evening. When Poasant started he could not manage more than five words a

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Peccant was advised that he would be given \$5,000 on his departure for the United States, which sum was to cover his expenses and salary for the first year. He was also advised in a very vague way that further payments to him in the United States would be made. Particulars were never made available to him.

As a matter of fact the problem of payment played a very important part in this case. It was not possible to complete arrangements to simulate Peccant's presence in the United States until August, 1944. In view of the turn of the war at that time it was felt that a person in Peccant's position would establish radio contact with the Germans for no other reason than to obtain remuneration. Accordingly, Peccant in his communications with the Germans continually insisted that payment be sent him. The Germans repeatedly promised that money would be forthcoming; however, they were never successful in effecting payment. The Germans finally asked Peccant whether he could find a friend in Rio de Janeiro who would accept payment for him and who could arrange to have the same brought to the United States without attracting official attention. Such a channel was created and the Germans were so advised. However, this occurred shortly prior to VE Day and it is not felt that the Germans had sufficient opportunity to initiate the payment before their collapse.

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MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

Secret Ink

Foscent was provided with the following mail drops:

Antonio Goncalves Novo
Rua S. Roque do Lameira 1063
Porto, Portugal

Foscent was instructed that the open text for this address should be written in English and coul be with business pattern.

Sra. Polisa Jimene y Doctor
Castelo 8-3^o
Madrid, Spain

The open text for this address was to be written in Spanish and in the form of love letters.

Foscent was given an additional drop by German operatives in Lisbon:

Augusto Strecht
Rua Mikreiro
Escarvado 235
Porto, Portugal

Foscent was instructed that in writing to the latter address he was to use Spanish and was to send the code book with regards from "Bivira" and in his cover letters he was to talk about business.

Foscent was instructed to communicate with the above drops either by secret ink letters or by cablesgrams. In connection with his secret ink letters Foscent was provided with a number of small gun-like pellets which were known to him to contain ammonium vanadate. The manner in which the secret ink messages were to be prepared is described above under the heading of "Recruitment and Training."

Short-wave Radio

Foscent's main means of communication was to be by short-wave radio. He was given elaborate instructions in how to set up his station in the United States, and when he left for the United States complete schedules for radio contacts were reduced to microfilm and sewn into his clothes. He was instructed that after he reached the United States he should not attempt to contact Germany for at least two months but that he should establish himself during this period.

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Beginning in February, 1944, the German control station at Hamburg, Germany, was heard calling Peasant on the agreed frequencies and at the agreed times. No messages were sent and the Germans merely called "YOU" (which means "I have nothing for you.") On July 19, 1944, however, the Germans sent the following radio message blind:

"COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY BY CODE TO COVER AGENTURES WHETHER
YOU HEAR US BY MEANS OF CONFIRMATION SAWED RECEIVED.
CONFIRMATION OF CODES ON A DAILY BASIS BEING ATTEMPTED.
NUMBER ONE."

This message was repeated daily and it was interpreted to mean that the Germans wanted a confirmation as to whether Peasant heard the call and also that they were attempting payment by code radio channel.

On August 26, 1944, contact was established and Peasant's message number one, which was administrative in nature, was successfully dispatched. On September 1, 1944, the following message was received from the Germans:

"I CONGRATULATE YOU WELL HEARTILY ON THE CONTACT. ALL ALREADY
TAKING STEPS WITH REGARD TO MONEY. NUMBER TWO."

The above messages established the radio channel and since that time frequent contact was maintained. From August 26, 1944, until June 2, 1945, 1/2 messages were sent to the Germans. During the same period 42 messages were received, the last incoming message being dated April 21, 1945.

On April 15, 1945, the following messages were received from Germany:

"IN VIEW OF THE DEATH OF HODGESON'S DEATH, WHAT ARE THE INDEX-
SIGNALS IN YOUR CIRCLE OF INTELLIGENCE AND IN THE PUBLIC
NUMBER DUTY-ONE."

"WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF HODGESON'S DEATH, WHAT ARE THE INDEX-
SIGNALS IN YOUR CIRCLE OF INTELLIGENCE AND IN THE PUBLIC
NUMBER DUTY-ONE."

On April 23, 1945, the following message was received:

"NUMBER DUTY-ONE. WE PRESENT ALSO GREAT INTEREST IN POLITICAL
REPORTS AND MILITARY DISPOSITIONS."

On May 1, 1945, the German control station was heard calling Peasant; however, as the German station indicated that it did not have traffic for Peasant and as Peasant did not have traffic, no attempt at contact was made.

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On May 2, 1945, Hamburg was declared an open city by the Germans and was occupied by British troops. Since that date the control station in China was, which was located in Hamburg, has not been heard. Pursuant to the German instructions, messages were sent blind on May 5, 10, 19, 23, and on June 3, 1945. Since that time no attempt to contact the Germans has been made. However, the frequencies used in this case have been regularly monitored at the scheduled times.

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MODUS OPERANDI

The modus operandi in this case is somewhat similar to other cases which are known to have emanated from Art Rosenberg. We had already obtained considerable information concerning the instructors to whom Roosant was assigned and the course of instruction which he received is very similar to that which other agents from Art Rosenberg are known to have received.

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Physical Simulation

In this case we had a unique problem which was complicated by the fact that the informant's personality and activities here had to be simulated. In all other double agent operations we have controlled, the informant and his personality could be used in the cover to hoodwink the Germans.

In the first place it was assumed that during Peacock's instruction in radio transmission recordings would undoubtedly have been made by the Germans so that when Peacock first attempted contact his touch at the radio key could be compared with the recordings so that the Germans could be sure that they were actually in touch with their agent.

Recordings of Peacock's touch on the radio key were made during several test transmissions in England. These were made available to the FBI Laboratory and a radio operator was assigned to the case. This operator was instructed to simulate as accurately as possible Peacock's touch on the radio key. The Laboratory operator proceeded in a unique manner and was very successful in simulating not only Peacock's touch on the key but also the typical dictation made by Peacock.

To simulate the uncertain and uncertain touch of Peacock, the FBI operator transmitted with his left hand. In addition, the radio key was fitted to the edge of the table so that it had to be used without support for the arm or hand.

Another interesting simulation which had to be made was the forgery of Peacock's handwriting so that a secret ink letter would be addressed to the Germans from the United States. This was successfully accomplished by FBI Laboratory technicians.

It was also necessary to word message in such a way as to simulate Peacock's probable reaction under any set of circumstances. Language had to be used which it was felt was typical of Peacock.

Another problem was the encoding of messages in a manner which could be typical of an individual with Peacock's experience.

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During September, 1944, the following message was obtained from [redacted] ~~(S)~~

(U) "To NAME for BABEL. Reg. from LIEBHARDT. S/T traffic began on 21/8 with freq. 1. 122 has hitherto used only 175. Telegram received from 122 of 23/7. Received message in good condition. Hope to

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"finish ratter soon." On 5/7: "Informed you in cable of 12nd message received." Your telegram sent off to New York today. Letter leaves by air mail with number 31. 127 and 176 are sailing 5/9 in Cabo Buena Esperanca. Final reports follow in this connection. Prepare remittance of money for 122 to this end. Hope next week to be able to inform you of remittance route via PORTUGAL. [REDACTED] German's Internat driving license has expired. Send another." (S)

(U) As a result of the operation of the Peasant case it was possible to establish conclusively that "122" mentioned in the above message is Peasant. It was impossible to identify, however, numbers "127" and "176" who were to leave Portugal August 31, 1944, on the Cabo Buena Esperanca. The only person who had been "used" by Peasant in Portugal was Augusto Strocht, alias Ribeiro, Boavista 235, Porto, Portugal, to whom Peasant sent secret ink letters and cablegrams. An examination of the passenger list of the SS Cabo Buena Esperanca disclosed that omo Acacio Augusto Strocht Ribeiro from Porto, Portugal, was a passenger destined for Rio de Janeiro. There was little doubt, therefore, that Augusto Strocht Ribeiro was the unknown German agent who had been given the code number "176". (S)

(U) This theory was strengthened on inquiries in Porto, Portugal, which reflected that there was no street such as Rua Ribeiro, leaving the presumption that the mail drop address as we have it is in error and should actually read "Augusto Strocht Ribeiro, Boavista 235, Porto, Portugal." (S)

(U) Subsequently this identification was positively confirmed. An informant in Lisbon identified Acacio Augusto Strocht Ribeiro as an individual who had been recruited by Friedrich Klemm. Klemm is the individual who controlled Peasant in Lisbon and he is the one who gave Peasant the Strocht mail drop in the first instance. (S)

(U) In view of the German collapse it is anticipated that Augusto Strocht in Rio de Janeiro will be interviewed in the very near future. (S)

German Confidence in Peasant

An interesting feature of this case is the fact that we are able to establish almost conclusively that the Germans were completely hoodwinked by this double agent operation and that they had confidence in Peasant.

It has been confidentially ascertained that the Army has been able to determine that the information which we furnished the Germans who relayed two or three days later to Tokyo.

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Deceptive Program

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have been engaged in a very highly confidential program to deceive the Germans as to Allied strategy. Various channels of bombing misleading information to Germany, including the Duromi's double agent case, have been utilized by JCS. JCS believe that the deception has been extremely successful.

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Poosant, a Dutch Jew, was born January 3, 1893, at Groningen, Holland. His early childhood was spent at that city. However, at the age of nine he was sent to Beichaden, Germany, where he attended Gymnasium until he was eighteen. During the course of his studies here he renounced the Jewish religion, which apparently led to a break with his parents, who continued to pay his schooling but no otherwise disowned him.

Without funds Poosant drifted and in 1914 he joined the Dutch Army. He served during World War I and was demobilized towards the end of 1919. From 1919 until 1930 he tried various positions in Holland, the Dutch East Indies, the United States, and in England. He was successful in none and his debts gradually increased. In 1930 he re-entered the Dutch Army for a term of two years.

During 1933 he engaged upon some promotion scheme with Gertius Jansen. This partnership was violently dissolved because Poosant was more interested in social contacts than in the business at hand.

Thereafter Poosant continued to be unsuccessful until 1939 when he again re-entered the Dutch Army. His unit went into action against the Germans during the invasion against the Lowlands during May, 1940. Poosant served so ingloriously that he was later charged with desertion. As a matter of fact, it was the Germans' ability to quash these charges which influenced Poosant to agree to work as a German intelligence agent.

During the German occupation Poosant claims that he spent his time attempting to escape from German occupied Europe. There is no verification of his story. In August, 1941, he accidentally met his old associate Jansen, who was engaged in recruiting V-Men for Ast Munster. He eventually agreed to work for the Germans and was sent to Hamburg for his training.

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PROSECUTION

(U) To date there have been no prosecutions resulting from this case. German agents in Rio de Janeiro have been identified as a result of the operation of this case and investigation there is continuing.

The Washington Field Office is the office of origin in this case and a closing report has been submitted.

It is anticipated that routine monitoring by the FBI Laboratory of the subject's radio frequencies will be sufficient coverage of this case in the future, it being felt that the Germans' collapse was so complete that there is little likelihood of any early attempt to revive the German Intelligence System.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: August 1, 1945

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 Mr. Nease
 Miss Beahm
 Miss Conley

Acacio Strecht, who was recently arrested in Rio de Janeiro and confessed being a German agent, furnished the following addresses as drops given him by the Germans: Jose Britto, Jr., Rua Formosa 360, Porto, Portugal; Antonio Teixeiro, dealer in drawing equipment, Villa Real, Spain; and Sebastian Fernandez Lafuente, Carretera Del Pardo Number Nine, Madrid.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Censorship be requested to furnish us back traffic on each of these drops and that these names be placed on the Special Watch List for a period of two months to determine if any other agents might possibly be using them at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BDO:N:HMC

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 21, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

65-5317-63
CABLEGRAM URGENT CIPHER PAD

MR. F. G. SISCOE
LEGAL ATTACHE
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MADRID, SPAIN

#265
2:34 A.M.
8-21-45

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MR. DENNIS A. FLINN
LEGAL ATTACHE
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
LISBON, PORTUGAL

#344
2:34 A.M.
8-21-45

PEASANT CASE. UNITED STATES EMBASSY, RIO DE JANEIRO, DESIRES THAT BUREAU TAKE NO PART IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RIO POLICE AND PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH AUTHORITIES SINCE PROPOSED PUBLICITY IN RIO MAY CAUSE INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT AND ALSO POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS IN RIO ARISING FROM BY-PASSING OF FOREIGN OFFICE BY POLICE. AUGUST ONE SEVEN POLICE SENT OPEN AIR MAIL LETTER TO LISBON POLICE OUTLINING INFORMATION ON STIECHT AND ASKING FOR INVESTIGATION AND INTERROGATION IN PORTUGAL. LEGAL ATTACHE IN RIO WILL FURNISH ANY CLIPPINGS OF PUBLICITY AND COPY OF STATEMENTS FOR LISBON AS REQUESTED.

SIS copies
attached

bmc me
checked by

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO R-1 -15 AM 2/10 1:55 PM EST

PEASANT CASE. CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED IN OUR RADIOGRAM AUGUST 2 AND YOUR RADIOGRAM AUGUST 13 DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY WHICH DESIRES THAT WE TAKE NO PART IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RIO DE JANEIRO POLICE AND FRENCH AND SPANISH AUTHORITIES SINCE PROPOSED PUBLICITY HERE MAY CAUSE INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT AND ALSO POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS HERE ARISING FROM BY-PASSING OF FOREIGN OFFICE BY POLICE. YESTERDAY POLICE SENT LETTER THROUGH OPEN AIR MAIL TO LISBON POLICE OUTLINING INFORMATION ON STRECHT AND ASKING FOR INVESTIGATION AND INTERROGATION THERE. WE WILL FURNISH CLIPPINGS OF PUBLICITY AND COPY ~~A COPIA~~ STATEMENTS FOR LISBON AS REQUESTED.

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European Desk

RGF:MJH

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ARMY TRANSPORT COMMAND

Mr. H. J. Lynch
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

PEASANT CASE

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If he is questioned along these lines, he will undoubtedly offer some information concerning Peasant, and we are very desirous of knowing how Peasant's activities were evaluated by the Germans.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

30 Aug 1945 21

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO 8-23-45 NR 254 6-02 P.M. EWT

PEASANT CASE. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN RADIOGRAM IF WE SHOULD
DISCOURAGE POLICE GIVING PUBLICITY TO FACT REGARDING MICRODOTS
IN THIS CASE.

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Date: September 13, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

For your information and aid in the investigation of this case,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Lisbon, Portugal

August 22, 1945

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Communication No. 1364

Attention: SIS European Desk *[Redacted]* *J(S)*

N. R. Davis

R. G. Fletcher

(U) Director, FBI

Re: PEASANT CASE
Portugal ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to *[Redacted]*

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(S) *[Redacted]*

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Re: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Letter to the Director
August 22, 1945

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As previously reported in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Upon [REDACTED] the appropriate
action will be taken.

Very truly yours,

Dennis A. Flinn
DENNIS A. FLINN
L. A.

DAF/est
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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,
August 20, 1945.

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Director, FBI,
Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G.

For the completion of the Bureau's files in this case there are forwarded herewith two fingerprint cards showing the fingerprint impressions and photograph of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, two separate photographs of STRECHT and ten sheets of specimens of STRECHT'S handwriting. All of these items were received from the Rio de Janeiro Police. (S)

Two copies of STRECHT'S photograph are being retained in the Rio de Janeiro file.

Very truly yours,

Heber M. Clegg
Heber M. Clegg,
L.A.

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In Rio de Janeiro 8/20/45

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO

Age	28 years
Height	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	145 lbs
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Black
Hair	Brown (black mustache)
Build	Medium
Nationality:	Portuguese

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO

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Miss Gandy _____

PEASANT CASE. STORY OF STRECHT'S ARREST APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 24 WITH SENSATIONAL FRONT PAGE COVERAGE PHOTOGRAPHS. QUOTE FOLHA CARIOCA UNQUOTE CARRIED THREE AND HALF INCHES DOUBLE HEAD AND QUOTE A NOILE ^{WIRELESS} FEATURED MICRODOTS IN FULL HEAD. STORY EMPHASIZED PORTUGAL AND SPAIN AS CENTERED IN GERMAN ESPIONAGE AND SAID BRAZIL AWAITS COOPERATION OF THIS COUNTRY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ARREST OF CONFEDERATES THERE. APPREHENSION SAID TO BE RESULT OF POLICE ACTION HERE WITH COOPERATION OF ALLIED NATIONS.

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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : C. H. CARSON

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

DATE: August 29, 1945

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Please refer to my previous memoranda concerning the arrest and interrogation in Rio de Janeiro of Acacio Strecht, German agent identified by the Bureau.

It was known that the Rio Police desired to give publicity to Strecht's arrest but held it up pending attempts to get some action from the Portuguese and Spanish police regarding Strecht's contacts in those countries.

On August 25, 1945, our Legal Attache radiogramed that on the afternoon of August 24, the story of Strecht's arrest appeared in the newspapers with sensational front page coverage. The newspaper stories featured the microdot angle of the case and emphasized that Portugal and Spain were centers of German espionage and that Brazil awaited cooperation with those countries with the United Nations in the arrest of confederates there.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 13, 1945

MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

RE: PEASANT CASE

Braz - Lsp - B.

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received from the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on August 4, 1945.

- Q62 One envelope bearing the typewritten address to "Ilmo Sr. Flavio Laranjeira Sociedade de Representacoes do Norte LTDA. Rua das Andrezas", and bearing the typewritten return address on the reverse side "Acacio A. S. Ribeiro Consulado de Portugal" and handwritten "Rio de Janeiro - Brasil".
- Q63 Accompanying handwritten letter in foreign language beginning: "Amigo Flavio E natural mente do ceu.....", and second side beginning: "Avis, fartanto vona.....".
- Q64 Accompanying second page of handwritten letter in foreign language beginning: "... for m², vessa fraca, vantagens.." and bearing handwritten signature "Acacio".

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The questioned typewriting appearing on specimen Q62 and questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q63 and Q64 were compared with previous questioned material of a comparable nature and with the National Security File but no identification was effected. Representative photographic copies of this handwriting and typewriting are being added to the file for future reference and comparison.

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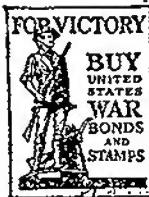
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The above specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

Specimens Q62 through Q64 were examined for the presence of photographically concealed messages with negative results.

The original evidence, Q62 through Q64, was returned to the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on August 8, 1945. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

ADDENDUM: The submitted evidence, Q62 through Q64, was returned to Supervisor H. L. DAVIS, on August 8, 1945 for appropriate disposition. Photographic copies of the instant specimens are attached hereto for inclusion in the Bureau's files.



TRANSLATION FROM THE PORTUGUESE

Friend Flavio

You are naturally aware that this time I have changed my course and I am at present in Rio de Janeiro.

The purpose of this is not only to wish you, as well as your wife and children good health; but also to propose some business to you, which I believe we shall be able to undertake.

I work in public construction here, therefore I am acquainted with the branch which is interested in the case.

I know that the Society there uses a cement substitute as paving for baths, etc.

That is where I believe we can study its application here in this country (its application in all divisions in the substitution of Taco).

I saw the application of this article in an existing order in the Carvalhosa, in the meantime I ask you to let me know the conditions under which the matter would interest you, I ask that you set out in the package the advantages of its application and guarantees of quality.

In conclusion all information you judge necessary.

Hoping that my request will not bother you -- and having in mind "time and money" -- I close with an embrace and sincere regards, your friend

/s/ Acacio

P. S. Please address your reply to the Portuguese Consulate in this city - the same

Rio de Janeiro, July 15, 1945.

NOTE: Underlined words not translatable.

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Translated by R. Costin
August 7, 1945

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Fábio Larangeira

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Sociedade de Representações do Norte LTDA.

Rua das Andrezas

PORTO

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ESTADO DA GUARANÁ - 1932
SERVIÇO DA VIACAO E OBRAS PÚBLICAS

MINISTÉRIO DOS CORREIOS E TELEGRAFOS



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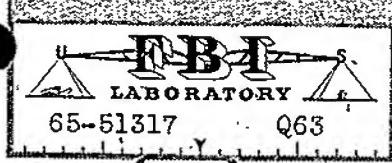
Remetente:

Acácio A. S. R

Endereço:

ibeiro
Consulado de Portugal
Rio de Janeiro





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Amigo F. Panco

E naturalmente do seu conhecimento que desta vez considera rumo a seu encontro presentemente no Rio de Janeiro.

Esta vez, por favor não pode falar-lhe da Cade, assim como a sua esposa e filhos, mas também pode falar-lhe um negócio, que deve fazer - ou seja, Tintor realizar Trabalho aqui em construções.

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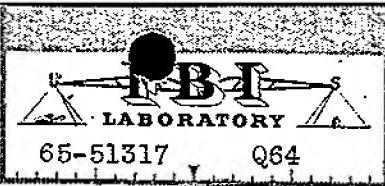


caso, portanto com conhecimento do
ramo que interessa para o caso.

Sou que a Sociedade usava ai
para pavimentações de lanchões, etc.
um substituto do cimento.

E' o que julgo podermos estu-
dar a sua aplicação aqui neste
país (a sua aplicação em Toda ar-
eira em substituição do Taco).

Vi a aplicação desse artigo
num prédio existente na Carvalhosa
no en tanto fico ao meu amigo para
me mandar dizer as condições em
que voce interessa o negocio, preciso



for. On a crema fraca, vantagens
na sua aplicação e garantir
se qualidade

Em Ofício Todas as informações
que julgar necessárias.

Esperando que não desvie
o seu pedido - e ter em conta
"Tempo e dinheiro" - Dúvidas de
com um abraço e cinco cumprimentos o amigo

Marcos

P.S. Peço que mande a carta para
o consulado de Portugal, esta cidade.

Rio de Janeiro, 10 de setembro de 1945

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Diamond
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CONFIDENTIAL - AIR POUCH

Date: August 31, 1945
To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: PEASANT CASE

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Attached for your information and use in this case is a copy of a letter from Madrid dated August 13, 1945 setting forth information available there concerning Strecht's contacts in Spain. Attached also are two photographic copies of the Consular registration of Oskar Schafer. One copy of this registration should be furnished to the Brazilian Police to determine if Strecht identifies this man as the Schafer whom he contacted in Madrid.

It should be noted, however, that this is an old photograph of Schafer, taken in or before 1929. (S)

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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AMERICAN EMBASSY
Madrid, Spain
August 13, 1945

ATTENTION: [SIS EUROPEAN DESK.] (S)

J. L. Davis

R. S. Fletcher

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: PEASANT CASE;
ESPIONAGE G.

Pras Esp. b.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to [redacted]

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no information concerning AGACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT, who has been arrested in Rio de Janeiro and identified as a German espionage agent; concerning one NICOLEISEN, who was alleged to have furnished STRECHT with expense money while in Madrid in 1944, or concerning the following mail drops, allegedly given STRECHT: (S)

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SEBASTIAN FERNANDEZ, LA FUENTE,
Carretera del Pardo 9, Madrid

RECORDED

ANTONIO TEIXEIRO,

Villa Real, Spain.

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It has been ascertained that one NICOLAS FERNANDEZ has a butcher shop at Carretera del Pardo 9, Madrid. Inquiries are being made to ascertain whether SEBASTIAN FERNANDEZ, LA FUENTE is related to this individual.

There is no municipality in Spain by the name of Villa Real. However, there is a town named Villarreal located near Castellon, which is on the Mediterranean Coast, due east of Madrid. There is also a town called Villa Real de Santo Antonio located in Portugal. Since the name TEIXEIRO appears to be of Portuguese origin, it is possible that the subject may have meant the town of Villa Real in Portugal.

[redacted] one SCHAFER is probably identical with OSKAR SCHAFER and these records reflect that SCHAFER was born on June 18, 1903, at Bochum, Westfalia, Germany; that he has been abroad since 1929, his consular registration being dated September 2, 1929. He visited Germany in April, 1935.

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Further information contained in the files indicates that the subject is an official of the Banco Germanico, Madrid, is married to KATE SCHAFER, nee VUGELSBURG, and has two children. He speaks Spanish in addition to German. His latest address is given as Calle Fernan Gonzalez 27, second floor, Madrid, and previous addresses are given as Calle Zafra 15, and Calle Marques de Monasterio 6, both Madrid. (S)

SCHAFER has no military record and there is a notation stating that he was called to the German Embassy in Madrid in January, 1943, that any action concerning military service was postponed until September 1943 and an additional postponement was given on September 15, 1943, to December 31, 1943. On February 19, 1944, SCHAFER applied for an exemption from Military service, the reason therefor not being given.

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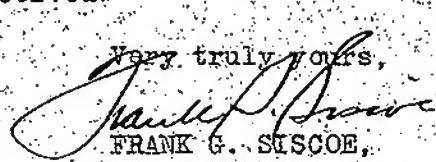
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In view of present difficulties in persuading Spanish authorities to arrest, interrogate and repatriate German agents in Spain, it is believed doubtful that the Spanish authorities would make any positive effort to arrest and interrogate the contacts of STRECHT in Spain. In any event, if the contacts of STRECHT were arrested, it is not believed that the results of any interrogation would be furnished to Allied authorities since, in no case, has any information of such character been furnished up to the present time.

It is accordingly suggested that the Brazilian Police take any action desired in this matter, including the publication of the full facts in this case. [The name of OSKAR SCHAFER has been placed on the list of Axis agents in Spain whose repatriation to Germany will be requested by the American and British Embassies.] Additional efforts are being made to secure further information in connection with this case and the Bureau will be advised promptly as soon as such information is received.

Very truly yours,


FRANK G. STISCOE,
Legal Attaché.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Madrid, Spain
August 31, 1945

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: O PEASANT CASE;
ESPIONAGE - G.

H. L. Davis
R. G. Fletcher

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Madrid letter dated August 13, 1945, in
the above-entitled case.

As of possible interest to the Bureau, there is being attached
hereto [redacted]

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Frank G. Siscoe,
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Date: September 28, 1945

To: Mr. H. M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE

(U) For your information, there is quoted herein a report received from the Lisbon Office furnished by the British: (S)

(U) "JOSE BRITO, Jr. of Rua Formosa 360, Oporto. This individual is a partner with his father in the firm of Brito & Irmao, of Rua Formosa 443, Oporto (S)

(U) "Subject is in fact very pro-German and he has done various jobs for them, stopping short, however, of anything in the way of obtaining information. (S)

(U) "One of subject's jobs would appear to have been to make rubber stamps for the Germans, and in this connection source points out that when the wolfram racket was at its height, the Germans made free use of doubtful "guias," which, however, bore the stamp of official departments. These stamps were, of course, forged, or otherwise copies taken from authentic originals. (S)

(U) "Source remarks that he cannot produce concrete evidence that JOSE BRITO, Jr. did in fact make stamps." (S)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Lisbon, Portugal
September 12, 1945

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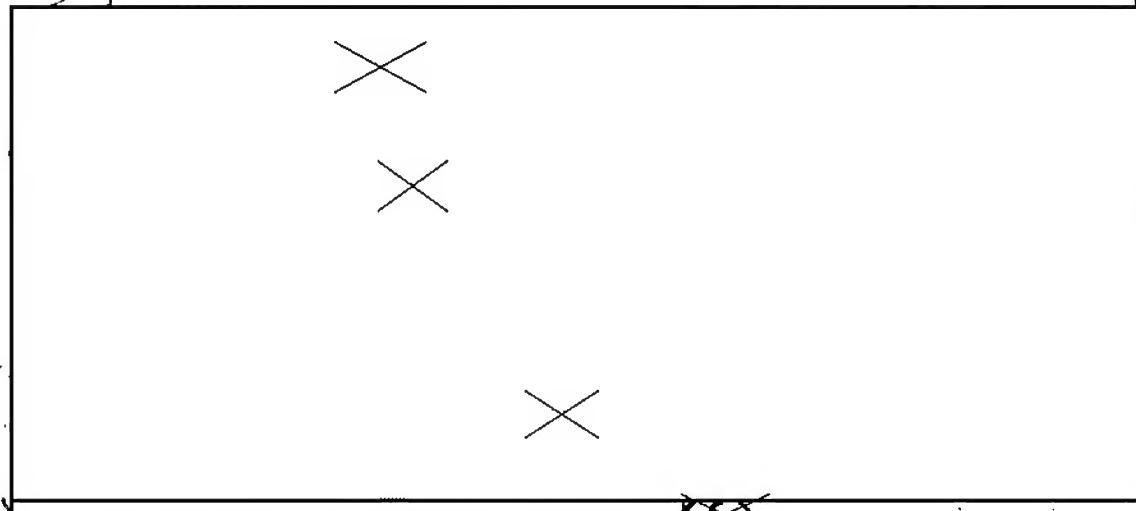
(U) Director, FBI

Re: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau cable dated July 29, 1945 in the above captioned matter.

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As additional information is received, the Bureau will be so advised. ~~(S)~~

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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For the completion of your files, you are advised that Hans Koehn, an employee of the Abwehr Radio Installation known as Domaene which communicated with Abwehr radio agents abroad, was located and interviewed. He did not appear to have a good memory for dates and figures but recalled the following information concerning Goldschmidt, whose German code name was Lutina.

This agent belonged to IT/LT Hamburg. He was handled by Romann and worked for about six months from October, 1944, to the fall of Hamburg. He was alleged to be in the United States and broadcast mostly on Saturdays. Although Koehn did not receive the messages, he heard that reception from Lutina was good.

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Date: September 28, 1945

To: Mr. Heber M. Clegg
The American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PEASANT CASE

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter from Madrid,
Spain dated September 7, 1945 setting forth information concerning Sebastian
Fernandez Lafuente, one of the drops given to Strecht. (S)

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Madrid, Spain

September 7, 1945

ATTENTION: [SIS EUROPEAN DESK] 73

DIRECTOR, FBI

R. L. Davis
RE: PEASANT CASE;
ESPIONAGE - G.

R. S. Fletcher

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Madrid letter dated August 13, 1945, in the above-entitled case.

It is noted that the name of SEBASTIAN FERNANDEZ LAFUENTE, Carretera del Pardo 9, Madrid, was given as a mail drop to ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT, who was arrested in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as a German espionage agent.

The following report concerning SEBASTIAN FERNANDEZ LAFUENTE, undoubtedly identical with the above, has been received from an Embassy source: It states that this individual lives at Carretera del Pardo 9, Principal E, Madrid, was born at Villarrubia Santiago (Toledo), Spain, is 28 years of age, married, and a chauffeur by trade. FERNANDEZ resided in Madrid for twenty-five years, always in the same section, and at his present address since his marriage two years ago. EX-51 In April, 1940, he enrolled in the Blue Legion and afterwards in the Blue Division and remained with this organization until 1943, having fought against the Russians.

Through a recommendation of the German Embassy, he obtained his position with EINHART y CIA., Jose Antonio 31, Madrid, where he is working at the present time. He reportedly belonged to the Falange but has reportedly resigned and is the President of the San Antonio Sports Club.

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The records of the Economic Section of this Embassy reflect that the firm EINHART y CIA., Jose Antonio 31, Madrid, is on the American and British Proclaimed List, is a commissioned firm for chemicals, herbs, dried fruits and vegetable oils, and were confidential agents for Reichstelle fur Milchezeugnisse, Oele, & Fette, Berlin and Hamburg. The owners of the firm EINHART y CIA. are Hubert EINHART, managing director, ADOLFO BLANK, who is reportedly EINHART's superior in Nazi Party matters, residing at Calle Martinez Campos 19, Madrid, and one RUDOLF SCHNITZER, in charge of the firms' business in Tangier and Tetuan and who was expelled from Spanish North Africa as a German agent. SCHNITZER, according to the Spanish Foreign Office, is now interned at Caldas de Malavella.

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Any additional information received concerning this case
will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Frank G. Siscoe

FRANK G. SISCOE,
Legal Attaché.

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Mr. John Cimperman
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

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Reference is made to [redacted]

It is desired that, if possible, a copy of this report be obtained for the completion of our information on Peasant.

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American Embassy
London, England
August 15, 1945

(U) ATTENTION: [SIS EUROPEAN DESK] *[initials]*

VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SERF CASE
Espionage - G

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Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Assistant Legal Attaché

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. COFFEY

FROM : I. W. CONRAD

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
RECORDINGS OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 1945

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J. P. J. S.

The recordings of the radio transmissions of the radio circuit in the above case for the period September 1, 1944, to date, have been transferred from the Radio Section of the Laboratory to the Laboratory Files Section.

A thirty-drawer record cabinet is being transferred with these records.

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MR. E. P. COFFEY

September 10, 1945

I. W. CONRAD

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In connection with the above cases, it is noted that transmitting equipment for both of these circuits is still being maintained at the Waldorf transmitting station behind and to the side of the regular communications transmitters for the CW radio networks.

Inasmuch as all monitoring was discontinued as of September 5, 1945, the receiving end of both of these circuits at Clinton is necessarily dead. Unless advised to the contrary, therefore, the Radio Section engineers will remove the BC-610E and HE4-B radio transmitters from these cases, reinstating one transmitter in the original transmitting plan for the Waldorf station and removing the other to the Armory for subsequent disposition.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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FILE NO. *45*

American Embassy, London, England
September 21, 1945

(U) ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK *J.S.* VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ① PEASANT CASE
JOSEPH JACOB MARTOG
A. S. De PROOD
ESPIONAGE (G)

R. G. Fletcher

(U) In reply to Bureau letter dated September 11, 1945,
this is to advise that the interrogation report of Matthias
JANNSEN was sent to the Bureau by letter dated September 6, 1945. *(S)*

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache

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X-2 Branch

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Memorandum for: Mr. C. Darwin Marron

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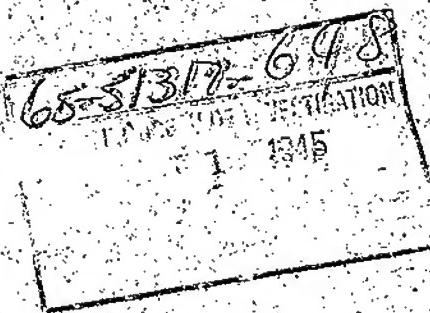
Subject: MUECKE and LUTINE

The attached report is transmitted for your information.

J. George Gately
X-2 Branch

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Information has been received from a captured German intelligence official, formerly head of the Abwehrstelle in Hamburg and a specialist in naval intelligence, to the effect that the following two agents were sent to the United States:

MUECKE - Said to have left for the United States via Portugal about June 1942. He was controlled by the economic section of the German foreign intelligence bureau, and is reported to have supplied commercial information on American aircraft industry and shipyards.

LUTINE - Said to have left for the United States via Portugal and to have supplied information since about the middle of 1944. He was under the control of the same office as MUECKE, and had been asked to supply information concerning American aircraft industry, especially inventions and new constructions. It was reported that there was trouble with his W/T traffic.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1945

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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MEMORANDUM LABORATORY REPORT

Re: PEASANT CASE
Espionage - G

Reference is made to the evidence listed below which was received in the FBI Laboratory on September 13, 1945.

K7 Ten sheets of ruled paper bearing the known handwriting of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECH RIBEIRO.

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two fingerprint cards and two photographs of subject.

It was concluded that the handwriting appearing on specimens Q63, Q64 and Kc6, Bureau File #65-51317, was prepared by the writer of specimen K7. Specimens Q63 and Q64, Bureau File #65-51317, were submitted to the Laboratory for examination by the Office of Censorship, Washington, D. C. on August 4, 1945. Specimen Kc6, Bureau File #65-51317, was received from Rio de Janeiro on April 25, 1945 for examination.

No search was made of the National Security File at this time as the previously submitted specimens have been searched in this file without effecting an identification.

The submitted evidence, K7, is being retained in the files of the Laboratory. The two photographs of the subject are retained in the Bureau's files. The fingerprint cards submitted are being placed in the files of the Identification Division.

ADDENDUM: Specimen K7 was submitted to the Laboratory for examination on September 13, 1945 by Harvey L. Davis.

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ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO
(Photo taken by Rio de Janeiro
Political Police July 17, 1945)

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Dr. D. L. Roberts
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The American Embassy
Lisbon, Portugal

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject

Attached for the information and guidance use of your office is a copy of a letter from Rio de Janeiro dated September 24, 1946, together with its enclosure for your office. A copy of this letter together with the enclosure is being sent to Madrid.

This letter sets out the publicity released by the Rio de Janeiro Police Department on the arrest of Acacio Streett and furnishes the statement made by Streett to the Rio de Janeiro Police. You should keep the Bureau advised of any action that might be taken by the authorities in Spain and Portugal regarding Streett's contacts in those countries.

Mr. Tolson
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Dear Sir:

Re: PEASANT CASE;
Espionage - G.
(Bureau File 65-51317)

Reference is made to the Bureau's cable dated August 13, 1945, and to Rio de Janeiro cable to the Bureau dated August 25, 1945. On the afternoon of August 24, 1945, the Rio de Janeiro Police Department released publicity on the arrest of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, furnishing to the papers full information obtained from STRECHT regarding his recruitment into the German Espionage Service in Portugal, his subsequent training in the German Espionage Service in Germany, and his assignment in Brazil as an Agent of the German Government.

The police also released information regarding micro-points which were found in STRECHT'S possession, although they did not furnish any technical data with regard to these points. The news was given sensational handling by the press on August 24th and 25th with all of the papers carrying the story accompanied by a photograph of STRECHT and a photograph showing the method of concealment of the microdots in STRECHT'S topcoat.

Several papers gave this story front page coverage. The newspaper, "Folha Carioca", in its afternoon edition of August 24, 1945, carried three and one-half inch double headlines, "Portuguese Spy Arrested in Rio de Janeiro"; the newspaper "A Noite" on the same afternoon featured the micropoints and the use of the black market for financing STRECHT in a full headline.

The story as released by the Brazilian police presented in the newspapers emphasized that Portugal and Spain were well-known centers of Nazi espionage activities and intrigue and Police Delegado JOAQUIM ANTUNES DE OLIVEIRA was quoted as saying that the Brazilian police and all of the United Nations were anxiously awaiting the action to be taken by the governments in Lisbon and Madrid in dealing with the confederate whom STRECHT had named in his statements to the Rio de Janeiro police. It is also of interest to note that the newspapers featured the fact that STRECHT was a Portuguese national.

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Director, FBI.

Re: PEASANT CASE

Rio

9-24-45

In accordance with the request received from the Lisbon Office, as set forth in the Bureau cable of reference, there are being enclosed herewith for the information of the Lisbon Office clippings from the following Rio de Janeiro newspapers:

~~FOLHA CARIOPA~~, August 24, 1945;
~~BRASIL - PORTUGAL~~, August 25, 1945;
~~MARIO CARIOPA~~, August 25, 1945;
~~EDIFARIO DE NOTICIAS~~, August 25, 1945;
~~A NOITE~~, August 24, 1945;
~~JORNAL~~, August 25, 1945.

A second copy of the article from FOLHA CARIOPA of August 24, 1945, is enclosed for the Bureau's information. It will be noted that the story as reported in this article is substantially the same as that carried by each of the newspapers, but it is felt that this article, which gave the account especial prominence, would be of interest to the Bureau.

On August 16, 1945, the Director of the Rio de Janeiro political police addressed a letter to the Director of the Policia de Segurança Política in Lisbon, Portugal, advising of STRECHT'S arrest and setting forth a summary of the information obtained from STRECHT, and asking that appropriate investigation be conducted in Portugal looking toward the arrest and interrogation of persons connected with STRECHT in that country. A translation of this letter is enclosed for the Bureau's information and a second copy is being furnished in the event the Bureau may desire to forward it to Lisbon.

Further, in response to the request from Lisbon, there is enclosed herewith for forwarding to that office a signed copy of the statement given to the Rio de Janeiro Police by STRECHT on July 23, 1945. A second signed copy of this statement is being retained in the Rio de Janeiro file and there are enclosed three copies of a translation of the statement prepared by this office. It is suggested that copies of this translation be furnished to Lisbon and to Madrid.

On August 2, 1945, STRECHT signed a supplementary statement and copies of the translation of this statement are enclosed for the Bureau's information and for forwarding to Lisbon and Madrid. Only one copy of the signed original is available and it is being retained in the Rio de Janeiro file. The information

Director, FBI.

Re: PEASANT CASE

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as originally received from the Rio de Janeiro police, before the receipt of the signed statement, indicated that STRECHT gave the mail drop ANTONIO ~~TEIXEIRA~~ address as Villa Real, Spain, and this information was furnished to the Bureau by cable dated July 25, 1945. It will be noted now that the signed statement given by STRECHT lists TEIXEIRA'S address as Regua, Portugal.

Two extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau since the Bureau may desire to forward it to the Lisbon and Madrid Offices.

Very truly yours,

Heber M. Clegg
HEBER M. CLEGG,
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J. E. HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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American Embassy
London, England
September 6, 1945

(U) ATTENTION: [SIS EUROPEAN DESK]
VIA U.S. ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

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RE: PEASANT CASE

JOSEPH JACOB HARTOG
A. S. De ROOD
ESPIONAGE (G)

N. J. Davis
Crosby
R. G. Fletcher

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto three film packs of undeveloped film containing photographs of the field interrogation report, second interrogation report, and a supplementary report on Matthias Jannsen, who is an agent recruiter for Ast Munster. It is noted in this report that although he recruited Peasant, he had no further dealings with him after he was sent on his assignment and, therefore, is not in a position to know how Peasant's activities or reports were evaluated.

This report also contains additional information on subject Hartog and subject De Rood, as was requested in Bureau letter dated July 26, 1945. A copy of this report is not being retained in the files of this office. It is suggested that a typed or mimeographed copy be prepared and made available to this office and also Lisbon.

Enclosure

JAC:MPC

Letter MPC
Letter Cimperman
cc Bloom
9-28-45
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attached 314

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
J. A. Cimperman
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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEASANT CASE

For the completion of your files, you are advised that upon interrogarion Dr. Friedrich Karl Homann, alias Dr. Carl Hellwig, furnished the following information relative to Peasant.

Peasant was a Dutchman who was originally recruited by Tornow of IM-Ast Hamburg. He was turned over to IT/LW in the latter part of 1943. Thereafter he was trained in Hamburg in W/T and was otherwise briefed, which process consumed about six months. W/T training and handled by II and Homann was unable to recall what specific persons handled Peasant in this matter.

In 1944 Peasant, in the company of Mohr of IT/LW, traveled to Spain and then to Lisbon where he appealed to the Dutch Consul for help. He was apparently successful and proceeded to London, from which point he corresponded with Ast. Hamburg through Portugal. The stay in London was merely a matter of transit, and Peasant then proceeded to New York, from which point he again wrote to his principals through Portugal.

Thereafter Peasant set up his W/T set. About 90% of his messages were about money which he said he needed. Nothing of value was transmitted concerning aircraft, but certain political matters were reported such as the activities of international commissions, et cetera. Homann advised that he doubted there was anything very secret about the information sent by Peasant and feels now that he may have been controlled. His messages were received over the Abwehr station at Wohldorf-Hamburg known under the cover name of Dimaene, where Peasant was known as Lutina. Peasant continued to broadcast until Dimaene fell to the Allies. The location of Peasant's station was not known to Homann, but he felt that it might be somewhere in the vicinity of Washington, D.C. inasmuch as Peasant stated he was going to Washington to obtain a job of some sort, probably with an oil company.

Homann did not recall that type of secret ink, if any, Peasant used and said that Peasant was paid about \$5,000 leaving Germany and later \$2,000 were sent to him but ita appeared never to have arrived. This sum was given by an agent, Hamann, cover name Lemback, in Portugal to a sailor en route to Philadelphia. The sailor was to mail the money to Peasant's post office box, but nothing more was ever heard of this deal.

Homann stated that his Referat definitely had not other agents in the Western Hemisphere.

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65-51317TO : D. M. Ladd *SL*

DATE: October 30, 1945

FROM : R. G. Fletcher *RF*

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE

For the completion of the file in this case, it is pointed out that upon interrogation Herbert Christian Wichmann, head of the Hamburg Abwehrstelle, furnished the following information concerning Goldschmidt whose cover name is Lutine:

"LUTINE: Left for U.S.A. via Portugal and has been a link since about middle of 1944. Controlled by Hamburg VI T/Wi/T. Information required was about the air industry, especially inventions and new construction. Results to date were poor. There was trouble with the W/T traffic."

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Olavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Madrid, Spain

December 27, 1945

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK.

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: PEASANT CASE,

ESPIONAGE - G.

Bureau File 65-51317.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Madrid letter dated September 7, 1945, wherein information is set forth from the records of the Economic Section of this Embassy concerning EINHART Y CIA., and concerning HUBERT EINHART, the managing director.

From the same section of the Embassy we are now in receipt of the following report under date of November 29, 1945:

" Hubert Einhart, Jose Antonio 31, Madrid.

This man is well known to us having shipped to Germany huge amounts of foodstuffs, chemicals, dried fruits, and is on our records as a German agent as well.

Today, Angel Olbes, Cea Bermudez 18, Madrid, an employee of Einhart y Cie. in Sevilla during 1941 and 1942, called on us to inform us that Einhart took a post office box in the name of his porter through which medium he has been receiving correspondence in code from the Argentine.

If this ties in with any of the information this Embassy has or if more data is wished, kindly advise me as I believe it might be possible to contact the porter and obtain further information."

A check of the indices in Madrid has not revealed EINHART's name as having been utilized at any time as a mail drop from Argentina. However, we are requesting the Economic Section to furnish further information, particularly to ascertain the name of the porter in whose name the post office box was taken and the number of the box, if possible. ~~RECORDED~~ PROMPTLY as further information becomes available, it will be furnished to the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

Frank G. Siscoe
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September 23, 1945

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BY AIR MAIL

Mr. John A. Cushman
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England.

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Reference is made to London letter dated September 6, 1945.

For the information of the London and Lisbon offices, there
is attached for each office one photostatic copy of the information
of Johnson.

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cc Mr. J. A. Cushman
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To:

January 17, 1946

Mr.

John A. Gimpert
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

PEASANT CASE
JOSEPH JACOB HARTOG
A. S. DE ROOD
ESPIONAGE - G.

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With reference to your letter of December 19, 1945, you are advised that a photostatic copy of the interrogation report of Janssen, mentioned in your reference letter, was sent to you on September 28, 1945, under the caption of the Peasant Case.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Tracy
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American Embassy
London, England
December 19, 1945

Henley
[Signature]

(U) ATTENTION: [SIS EUROPEAN DESK] *[Signature]* VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

RE: ① PEASANT CASE
JOSEPH JACOB HARTOG
A.S. De ROOD
ESPIONAGE (G)

Dear Sir:

Anent my letter of September 6, 1945, I would appreciate the Bureau expediting the request for a mimeographed copy of the interrogation report submitted therewith.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attaché

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To: Legal Attaché
Lisbon, Portugal

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: REASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated February 9, 1946, there are forwarded herewith to the Lisboa and Rio de Janeiro offices photostatic copies of the material enclosed in reference letter. (S)

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Communication No. 1575

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Attention: [SIS European Desk] (S)

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Re: PEASANT CASE
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Dear Sir:

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Re: PEASANT CASE
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Lisbon, Portugal
February 8, 1946

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The Bureau will be advised as further information is received from
[redacted] (S)

Very truly yours,

Eugene L. Padberg, Jr.
EUGENE L. PADBERG, JR.
L. A.

Enclosures to Bureau

cc-Madrid, Spain
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : R. G. Fletcher

SUBJECT: HELMUTH SIEGFRIED GOLDSCHMIDT
ESPIONAGE - G.DATE:
March 21, 1946

Mr. Tolson
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~~The following information is taken from the interrogation report of Dr. Friedrich Karl Homann, head of the IT/LW Section of Ast Hamburg. This information is being set forth in order that it may be recorded in the proper file.~~

GOLDSCHMIDT known to IT/LW as "GROG". Call sign by W/T "LUTINE".

"Whilst undergoing training at Hamburg believed to have used cover name of 'MUT' or 'MUTH'. ~~Homann~~ Dutch subject. Claimed to be an ex-cavalry officer in Dutch Army during the last war also told Homann to have been Pilot in the Dutch air force. Further, GOLDSCHMIDT told Homann that he had many important contacts abroad i.e. the Dutch Consul General in Portugal, leading industrialists in the American SHELL Corporation, and also many distinguished personalities in American society circles. This agent was directed to IT/LW at the end of 1942 to the beginning of 1943, from I(M) Capt. TORNOW. This agent was fully trained by I(i) in W/T. During his stay in HAMBURG he lodged in the Oberstrasse, HAMBURG, in the same house where a Miss MECKE, secretary to I(M), lived with her parents. Homann met GOLDSCHMIDT there on about three occasions. Homann was under the impression that GOLDSCHMIDT was a Jew or half Jew, and although such people were not allowed to be employed as agents for Germany he conveniently ignored the fact.

Early 1944 GOLDSCHMIDT was despatched on his mission. The route was to be via SPAIN, PORTUGAL to LONDON and onwards to the U.S.A.

GOLDSCHMIDT was dressed in ordinary civilian clothing posing as a Dutch refugee persecuted by the NAZIS in HOLLAND. MOHR accompanied GOLDSCHMIDT into SPAIN. This, Homann explained, was absolutely necessary for his safe conduct via the various German control posts in occupied France, thus avoiding awkward questioning. To cross the border into SPAIN by illegal means GOLDSCHMIDT was hidden in a big trunk of a car. This car driver was placed at the disposal of IT/LW by the K.O.S. who kept a regular shuttle service going for such trips.

On arrival in SPAIN GOLDSCHMIDT was handed over to HAMANN (para.2), who arranged for his conveyance across the border into PORTUGAL also by illegal means.

EQUIPMENT

GOLDSCHMIDT had no W/T set or any spare parts for such. In the shoulder pads of his jacket were sown 'microphotos' containing secret code for use when transmitting messages by W/T. Further, he carried 5000 Dollars on his person sewn into the lining of his suit.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

March 21, 1946

ORDERS

"To gather all possible information concerning the American aircraft industry. GOLDSCHMIDT was NOT instructed to concentrate on any specific item. Homann states that hardly anything worth while was known to the GSI concerning the American aircraft industry, and consequently any kind of news was welcome. Homann has never heard of any agent being employed by the GSI for a particular piece of information.

COMMUNICATION

(U) By letter with the aid of secret ink, and later after GOLDSCHMIDT had managed to construct a W/T set by transmitting. ~~(S)~~

FIRST NEWS

The first letter received by IT/LW in summer 1944 contained the news that GOLDSCHMIDT had arrived in LONDON without mishap, and that he was arranging his passage to the U.S.A.

(U) The letter was written with secret ink, and the ordinary writing referred simply to normal business matters. It was addressed to a business cover address in PORTUGAL (further details not known to Homann - who by some pre-arranged code recognised same for another address, and eventually it found its way into the hands of Hamann, who forwarded same unopened to IT/LW. By using the cover address it was hoped to evade the British censorship.

What kind of secret ink GOLDSCHMIDT used HOMANN does not know except that he was not trained in the best methods available. Capt. RAPHAEL of I(G) should be able to give full details on this. ~~(S)~~

ARRIVAL IN AMERICA

The second or third letter received from GOLDSCHMIDT in NEW YORK, contained the news that he had managed to construct a W/T set, and would soon commence to transmit. This surprised Homann, and the sudden acquisition of a W/T set aroused their suspicion, thus doubting GOLDSCHMIDT's genuinity from the start."

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : L. L. Tyler

SUBJECT: ① "PEASANT" CASE
Espionage - G

DATE: April 19, 1946

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Tele. Room
Mr. Keasey
Miss Booth
Miss Gandy

(U) In the interrogation report of Friedrich Karl Romann, of Ast Hamburg, the following is set out concerning Helmut Goldschmidt, the double agent in the "Peasant" case whom we impersonated. (S)

(U) Whilst undergoing training at Hamburg believed to have used cover name of 'Mut' or 'Muth'. (S)

Miss Booth

"Dutch subject, Claimed to be an ex-cavalry officer in Dutch army during the last war, also told H. to have been pilot in the Dutch air force. Further, G.told H. that he had many important contacts abroad, i.e. the Dutch Consul General in Portugal, leading industrialists in the American Shell Corporation, and also many distinguished personalities in American society circles. This agent was directed to IT/LW at the end of 1942 to beginning of 1943, from I(M) Capt. Tornow. This agent was fully trained by I(i) in W/T. During his stay in Hamburg he lodged in the Oberstrasse, Hamburg, in the same house where a Miss Mecke, secretary to I(M), lived with her parents. H. met G. there on about three occasions. (S)

"H. was under the impression that G. was a Jew or half Jew, and although such people were not allowed to be employed as agents for Germany he conveniently ignored the fact. (S)

"Early 1944 G. was despatched on his mission. The route was to be via Spain, Portugal to London and onwards to the U.S.A. G. was dressed in ordinary civilian clothing posing as a Dutch refugee persecuted by the Nazis in Holland. (S)

"Mohr accompanied G. into Spain. This, H. explained, was absolutely necessary for his safe conduct via the various German control posts in occupied France, thus avoiding awkward questioning. (S)

"To cross the border into Spain by illegal means G. was hidden in a big trunk of a car. This car driver was placed at the disposal of IT/LW by the K.O.S. who kept a regular shuttle service going for such trips. (S)

"On arrival in Spain, G. was handed over to Hamann(para. 2), who arranged for his conveyance across the border into Portugal also by illegal means. (S)

"Equipment:- G. had no W/T set or any spare parts for such. In the shoulder pads of his jacket were sewn 'microphotos' containing secret code for use when transmitting messages by W/T. Further, he carried 5000 dollars on his person sewn into the lining of his suit. (S)

"Orders:- To gather all possible information concerning the American aircraft industry. G. was not instructed to concentrate on any specific item. H. states that hardly anything worth while was known to the GSI concerning the American aircraft industry, and consequently any kind of news was welcome. H. (S)

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- (U) has never heard of any agent being employed by the GSI for a particular piece of information. (S)
- (U) "Communication: - By letter with the aid of secret ink, and later after G. had managed to construct a W/T set by transmitting. (S)
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(U) "ARRIVAL IN AMERICA. The second or third letter received from G. in New York, contained the news that he had managed to construct a W/T set, and would soon commence to transmit. This surprised H., and the sudden acquisition of a W/T set aroused their suspicion, thus doubting G's. genuity from the start." (S)

ACTION:

None. This is set out so that it may be placed in the main file in this case.

We knew this, as they tested him. Faulty operational methods to use if we were monitoring, etc.

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TO: MR. HARBO

FROM: C. F. DOWNEY

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FILES

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The sample intercepts, cipher message record sheets and worksheets which have been retained in the Cryptanalysis Section files in connection with the cases listed below are being transferred to the Records Section with a copy of this memorandum.

65-6854 Berlin Miscellaneous
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65-47430 AAR
65-36132 AKA
65-46383 Aladren
64-29436 AOT
65-6854 ARZ
65-46383 Aspirin
65-37511 BDW-MAX
65-47845 BJI-PAW
65-33587 British ~~(S)~~
65-41411 BUQ
65-54454 CAB
65-55048 CAN
65-35743 CEL-ALD
64-21364 CER-CEM
65-35907 CIT
65-16273 CLOG
65-33588 DAN
65-1168 DAVIS
64-25803 DIX (Kobar)
65-55078 DKS
65-52509 IOG
65-44583 Dominican Republic
65-44518 Finnish Govt.
65-53308 FMT
65-33585 German Govt.
65-34275 German Misc.
65-33838 German News, etc.
65-40962 GES-NOI
65-49651 Gorka
65-42912 Greek Govt. ~~(S)~~
65-43680 GSW
65-55124 GTH
65-42271 Guatemala Govt. ~~(S)~~
65-48823 HAL
65-55079 HMD
65-36982 IEK
65-37236 Italian Govt.
65-40178 Italian Misc.
65-40570 RND-JOH
65-35144 SCH
65-41274 SMN

64-29366 J16-R28
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TO : MR. HARBO
FROM : H. B. LONG
SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
RECORDINGS OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

DATE: 5/20/46

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Reference is made to Mr. Conrad's memorandum of September 11, 1945 (65-51317-645) advising that the recordings of the radio transmissions of the radio circuit in this case were being forwarded to the Laboratory Files Unit. This material, composed of approximately 217 records, is presently maintained in the Laboratory Files Unit. It is requested that advice be furnished by the Security Division as to whether this material may now be permanently disposed of.

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Rio de Janeiro	8/29/46	8/19, 20/46	GEORGE A. VAN NOY

Title	Character
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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

The arrest of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO by the Rio de Janeiro Police Department on 7/16/45 was the result of information furnished by the Rio de Janeiro Office to the Police Department on 7/12/45. The information which was furnished to the PD was a summary of that set forth in the Bureau's letter dated 3/31/45 dealing with the accusations made against STRECHT in statements to the Portuguese Police by MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO. None of the information regarding STRECHT which emanated from [redacted] was included in the summary memorandum furnished to the Police Department. Coverage of STRECHT's activities up until the time of his arrest failed to disclose any information that he was actually engaged in espionage activities in Brazil or that he had engaged in such activities subsequent to his arrival.

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IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES:

Source C: Special Agent Rolf L. Larson

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Re: Peasant Case
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Shortly before the arrest of STRECHT, ~~Confidential~~
Informant [redacted] succeeded in becoming quite well acquainted with STRECHT with the view of possibly developing STRECHT as a double agent. This contact, however, failed to develop because the surrender of Germany greatly diminished the probability that STRECHT could serve as a double agent against the Germans, and the informant determined that STRECHT had no information of or contact with any Japanese espionage. In view of this, it was thought that further investigation of STRECHT was not warranted and his arrest was suggested to the Police after receipt of prior Bureau authority.

STRECHT readily admitted to the Rio de Janeiro Police Department his connection with the German espionage service but denied that he ever conducted espionage in Brazil and, according to the police, their investigation failed to disprove this denial. STRECHT is still in custody and his case has been transferred by the PD to the Supreme Military Tribunal which has, as yet, taken no action. It is not felt it is warranted to maintain this case in an open status awaiting the completion of Court action by the Military Tribunal which experience has shown to be extremely slow in its procedure. No further information regarding STRECHT's activities has been received from the police other than that which is contained in his signed statement which is being set out in this report.

No distribution of this report is being made inasmuch as no distribution has been made in the past except to furnish the Embassy with summary memorandum regarding STRECHT at the time of his arrest. One signed copy of each of STRECHT's statements to the Rio de Janeiro Police Department is being retained in the Rio de Janeiro file.

August 29, 1946

Re: PEASANT CASE
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

SYNOPSIS:

Subject, ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, was arrested by Rio de Janeiro Police on 7/16/45 on charges of espionage. Translations of statements made to police by STRECHT set out. STRECHT admitted to police that he had been recruited by representatives of the German espionage service in Portugal in 1943 and had been sent to Germany where he had received three months espionage training, including instruction in the construction and operation of short wave radio equipment and the use of a simple secret ink. He was furnished a code and full instructions regarding the construction of a radio and the use of the code was furnished him in the form of micro dots which he had in his possession when arrested. STRECHT traveled to Brazil from Portugal, arriving in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 10/10/44, on instructions of the German espionage organization to establish an espionage ring in Brazil from where he was to use a short wave radio station and mail drops for communication. Identities of mail drops given in statements. No evidence developed by police that STRECHT engaged in espionage in Brazil although he admitted that on 4/5/45 he received the sum of CR \$12,500 (US \$625.) from the German organization through the Rio de Janeiro exchange house CASA ALIANÇA. Case against STRECHT has been turned over to the Supreme Military Tribunal by the police and the disposition is still pending before that Tribunal and STRECHT is still in custody.

Re: Peasant Case
Rio 8/29/46

DETAILS:

Subject STRECHT was arrested by the Rio de Janeiro Police Department on July 16, 1945 and charged with espionage.

Under questioning, STRECHT readily admitted that he had been recruited by the German espionage service in Portugal in 1943 and that he had been given training in espionage activities by the German espionage service in Germany and subsequently had traveled from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the German espionage organization under instructions to set up an espionage ring in Brazil.

There are set out hereafter translations of two signed statements made by STRECHT to the Rio de Janeiro Police Department in which he outlines his connection with the German espionage service.

These statements were obtained from the Rio de Janeiro Police Department by reliable Source C who advised that the police in their questioning of STRECHT and in their investigation of his activities following his arrival in Rio de Janeiro on October 10, 1944, failed to disclose that STRECHT had actually engaged in espionage activities for the Germans in Brazil.

The following are the two signed statements given by STRECHT on July 23, 1945 and August 2, 1945:

On July 23, 1945, ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, son of CARLOS AUGUSTO ~~DE FIGUEIREDO~~ and IRENE MENDES ~~STRECHT~~ RIBEIRO, twenty-eight years old, single, and resident of Largo da Bapa No. 53. deposed before JOAQUIM ANTUNES DE OLIVEIRA in the DELEGACIA DA SEGURANÇA POLITICA that:

In the first part of 1943 he was sought out by a friend, SEVERIANO, who worked in the German Information Service which at that time was operating in the City of Porto, Portugal, on Rua Alvares Cabral at a number which the Declarant is not able to recall; that SEVERIANO, after saying that he knew that the Declarant possessed knowledge of telegraphy having served in this profession in the Portuguese Army, asked the Declarant if he would be interested in again using his profession since he, SEVERIANO, knew the Declarant to be sympathetic to the German cause; that if the Declarant agreed, he, SEVERIANO, would present the Declarant to his friend, MARIO ~~FERREIRA~~ PINHEIRO, a person who would be able to furnish more information on the subject; that the Declarant, and also SEVERIANO, had been members in Porto, Portugal, of the ~~LEGÉAO~~ PORTUGUESA, an institution of national character headed by His Excellency, Prime Minister OLIVEIRA ~~SALAZAR~~; that some days afterwards the Declarant went to the German Information Service which, as he said, functioned on Rua Alvares Cabral, and where he often obtained German propaganda leaflets, in order to meet SEVERIANO, who at that time presented him to MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO, who was interested in the services of the Declarant, and to another individual who was dressed in the uniform of a Sergeant in the Portuguese Army; that MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO, after asking the Declarant and the Sergeant if both were willing to work for the German cause and after obtaining affirmative responses, concluded by saying to the Declarant and to the Sergeant that in that case he would have to consult with a person in authority in the German organization, adding that in case the collaboration of both persons was accepted they would have to submit to an examination to determine their competence; that, leaving SEVERIANO, some days later he was sought out by SEVERIANO who instructed that the Declarant should

call on MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO in the German Information Service with urgency; that, obeying this order, the Declarant went to the office of the Service where he was presented by PINHEIRO to a German, WILI HAMANN, and this person after determining the willingness of the Declarant to perform any service which would be entrusted to him, concluded by saying that the Declarant would have to submit to an examination of his abilities and that this examination would be given in Lisbon by an instructor who was ready to come from Germany, but HAMANN added that he would have to await further superior orders from Germany; that, in fact, some days later the Declarant took the examination referred to by WILI HAMANN in Lisbon at Rua Rodrigo da Fonseca at a number which the Declarant is not able to recall, knowing only that it was in an apartment situated on the Fourth Floor of a building located more or less in the center of the street and that there was employed at that time in the apartment a maid of Portuguese nationality; that in that place the Declarant became acquainted with a person of German nationality, about thirty-three years old, slim build, clean-shaven, blond, thin hair, who, on the occasion of the meeting, had his right arm in a plaster cast; that this person spoke little Portuguese; that, initiating the test, this individual furnished to the Declarant some earphones and when the Declarant had adjusted these to his ears, he began to send code over an apparatus which was installed at the location, the Declarant writing down on a paper which was furnished to him the letters which the German transmitted over the apparatus; that when the Declarant received the proposition that he take an examination in Lisbon, MARIO added that the Declarant would receive as expenses the amount of Cr.\$1,500 in Brazilian money, and that, therefore, when he embarked in the city of Porto for Lisbon, he received from PINHEIRO the above referred to amount; that after the examination the Declarant remained for some days in the Pensão Volga and while residing there he received a telegram from WILI HAMANN asking that the Declarant meet him on Avenida de Liberdade, and when he encountered WILI HAMANN the latter advised him that, according to information received from the person who had examined him, the Declarant would be capable of receiving only after taking a course of instruction, determining that the Declarant should return to the city of Porto where he should await new instructions; that this occurrence took place in September 1943; that obeying these instructions the Declarant returned to the city of Porto where he remained inactive until December of the same year when finally he received another call from MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO and visited him at his residence where he was presented to a German named NICOLEISEN who was said to be a commercial man in Hamburg and who spoke Portuguese poorly; that WILI

HAMANN was also present at that time; that WILLI HAMANN advised Declarant that he would have to travel to Hamburg in order to attend classes pertaining to the erection of radio transmitters and receivers, ciphered messages, and the use of secret inks and codes; that he would travel in the company of another individual by the name of ARMANDO GUILHERME ~~X~~ QUEILOGA ~~X~~ CARVALHAL, who had been recruited by the German organization and that MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO would arrange the necessary passports; that, following out these instructions immediately, the Declarant received from MARIO PINHEIRO within a few days the amount of Cr. \$8500, as well as his passport which, as it appeared to the Declarant, was obtained by PINHEIRO from an agency named "UNIVERSAL" in the city of Porto, of which a man by the name of ~~X~~ REIMAO was an official, and new instructions to go see WILLI HAMANN again at the apartment on Rua Rodrigo da Fonseca; that complying with these orders the Declarant met the individuals known as CARVALHAL and NICOLEISEN, it being agreed that the Declarant would travel immediately to Madrid where at an appointed time, which could not yet be determined, he would again meet NICOLEISEN in front of the general Post Office in Madrid; that he then received from WILLI HAMANN the amount of Cr. \$1,500 to cover the expenses of the trip; that, travelling to Madrid, the Declarant registered at the Hotel Alfonsa immediately upon his arrival, and a few days later at the Hotel Continental located in a place called Passeio del Prado; that presenting himself, as had been previously agreed in Portugal, the Declarant met NICOLEISEN in Madrid and NICOLEISEN advised the Declarant that ARMANDO GUILHERME QUEILOGA CARVALHAL should arrive in Spain within a few days and that the Declarant should take steps to obtain a temporary registration in Spain for a period of six months so as not to create difficulties on his return from Germany; that this meeting occurred in January 1944; that actually a few days after his meeting with NICOLEISEN the Declarant met ARMANDO GUILHERME CARVALHAL at the station where the trains, "Lusitania Expresso", arrived, both he and CARVALHAL going to a hotel, the name of which he does not remember; that ARMANDO CARVALHAL, as did the Declarant, had to legalize his résidence before the Spanish authorities, and that the Declarant accomplished this with the assistance of NICOLEISEN and another German named ~~X~~ SCHAFFER, an official of the Banco Germanica in Madrid, the Declarant receiving thus authorization to remain in Spain for a period of six months; that leaving CARVALHAL in Madrid the Declarant travelled to São Sebastião where he again met CARVALHAL a few days later, and both met NICOLEISEN at the Railroad station in that city; that two days later they encountered SCHAFFER and NICOLEISEN who were engaged in arranging means by which the

Declarant and CARVALHAL might cross the Spanish-French Border and enter into French territory; that on this occasion the Declarant received from NICOLEISEN the amount of approximately Cr. \$3000, the same amount being given to CARVALHAL for hotel expenses; that, still in São Sebastião, NICOLEISEN and SCHAFFER presented the Declarant to a German citizen whose name the Declarant does not know, this man being charged with transporting the Declarant and CARVALHAL to France; that this was finally accomplished, the Declarant travelling first, hidden in a false trunk which was transported in the back seat of an automobile, thus succeeding in crossing the Spanish-French frontier; that upon arriving at the city of Hendey in France, the Declarant was conducted to a house in the proximity of the local Railroad station, taken to the third floor, where he was made to remain; that on the day immediately following his arrival NICOLEISEN came to the place where the Declarant was detained and immediately thereafter they departed for the station since they were expecting the arrival of CARVALHAL who had remained in São Sebastião; that after CARVALHAL arrived, the Declarant, accompanied by CARVALHAL and NICOLEISEN, took a train to Germany, passing through Bordeaux, Paris and Metz; that during the trip whenever the German authorities solicited their documents NICOLEISEN would exhibit them and the Declarant and his companion believed these documents to have been furnished by the German Secret Service; that upon disembarking at the station in Fulde they took another train for Hamburg where they finally arrived on the 27th of January, 1944; that upon arrival, since NICOLEISEN was met by his wife, whose name the Declarant does not know and by a German named MUREL, the Declarant and CARVALHAL went to the Hotel Reichhoff where they were to await the later arrival of MUREL who was charged with arranging the transfer of the Declarant and CARVALHAL to the city of Bremen; that at that time the Declarant already had in his possession an identification document which identified him as FERNANDO MANOEL DA COSTA SILVA, a native of Bordeaux, without nationality, while CARVALHAL assumed the identity of ANTONIO PEREIRA MIGUEL DUARTE, a native of Paris, commercial man without nationality; that these false identification documents were received by the Declarant and CARVALHAL on the day immediately following their arrival in Hamburg; that they received also some ration stamps and 100 Marks each; four days after their arrival MUREL called on the Declarant and CARVALHAL at the hotel where they were staying, advising them that on that day they were to travel to Bremen which they actually did; that arriving in Bremen the Declarant went to the Hotel Alberto and CARVALHAL went to another hotel, the name of which the Declarant does not know; that immediately after the arrival MUREL took the Declarant and CARVALHAL to the Central Office of the German organization in that city, located

on a square near a bridge over the River Vezer in the vicinity of the restaurant Ratzkeller; that once at the office both were presented to a man named GUSTAV ~~LINDERMANN~~ or GUSTAV ~~LINDEMENN~~, whom the Declarant immediately identified as an instructor of radio telegraphy at whose disposition the Declarant was placed as was CARVALHAL, MUREL returning to Hamburg on the following day; GUSTAV LINDEMENN then started both in classes of radio telegraphy, starting the Declarant studying transmission and reception while CARVALHAL was given the primary instruction in Morse code; that sometime later the Declarant was presented to another German named ~~OTTO~~, a radio technician who gave the Declarant the first lessons in coding and decoding of communications, teaching the Declarant immediately the call letters; that about thirty days later another person named HEINRICH ~~HALMANN~~ became part of the organization in the capacity of an interpreter and translator, residing in Bremen; that immediately after the arrival of this individual the Declarant went to reside with CARVALHAL in an apartment in Hotel Hilmann, both receiving from members of the organization quantities of money varying from 400 to 600 Marks monthly; that later in the Hotel Hilmann, CARVALHAL confessed to the Declarant that he profoundly regretted his agreement with the organization, desiring to abandon it as quickly as possible because of the tremendous risks which they were running and because that while in Portugal just before his departure he had told a woman, his future mother-in-law, all which had passed between him and the organization; that on a day which he is not able to recall in the month of March 1944 the Declarant was informed by instructors of the organization that he should return to Hamburg on the day following, rent a room in the same hotel at which he had stayed previously, and await the arrival of MUREL; that immediately after his arrival the Declarant was sought out by MUREL, who took him to an apartment building in Hamburg where the Declarant again met HALMANN and another German whose name he does not know but who had a scar across his face; that on this occasion HALMANN asked the Declarant how he was progressing toward the fulfilment of the mission with which he had been entrusted, the Declarant responding that he was continuing to perfect the means to carry out the agreement which he had assumed; that HALMANN asked, also, what impression the Declarant had of CARVALHAL, to which the Declarant responded saying that only he, CARVALHAL, would be able to answer that; that after the termination of this interview in Hamburg the Declarant returned to Bremen where CARVALHAL had remained; that he told the Declarant that he was disposed to abandon the organization; that as a matter of fact two days later CARVALHAL was called to Hamburg and upon his return he informed the Declarant that he had carried out his intent and had resigned from the organization, having signed to that end various documents presented by HALMANN explaining

to the Declarant that although he had resigned he would continue in Bremen and would be able to leave there only upon direct orders from Hamburg; that about eight days later the expected order was received and CARVALHAL returned to Hamburg from where, according to the best knowledge of the Declarant, he returned to Portugal; that remaining in Bremen the Declarant continued receiving instructions in short wave radio transmission and reception, these instructions coming from so called "recognition groups" or in other words from localities from which predetermined transmissions were sent; that the office of the organization in Bremen was located on Av. General Ludendorff where small radio transmitters were constructed and where the Declarant went daily for about fifteen days to obtain practice in this service; that a few days later HEINRICH HALMANN, the translator of the organization, conducted the Declarant to a house situated in a forest in the vicinity of Hamburg which property is known by the name, "Cabana de Raça", and from here the Declarant, using a radio transmitter located in the house, communicated with the cities of Bremen, Hamburg, and Lübeck; that the Declarant remained at this house about a week, receiving instructions from a person named ~~ALBERT~~, who lived there with his family; that following this the Declarant returned to Bremen where he remained some days until he again met MUREL, who explained to him that he would accompany him back to Hamburg from where the Declarant would return later to Portugal via Spain; that upon returning to Hamburg, the Declarant, accompanied by HEINRICH HALMANN, went to the office of the organization where MUREL was waiting; that at this place the Declarant received instructions on the use of secret ink, being able to learn the method in only ten minutes, explaining that the secret ink is obtained in the following manner: one large tablespoonful of absolute alcohol, together with 12 drops of lemon juice or, as a substitute for the lemon juice, a small amount of citric acid, obtaining thus the quantity desired; that in applying the ink it is necessary first to use pure linen paper and to use as a pen the point of a toothpick wrapped around with a small amount of cotton, forming the letters in such a manner as to facilitate the reading of the matter which was written; the Declarant explained further that after completing the secret ink writing and after the ink had dried, which in general took a minimum of twenty minutes, a small piece of absorbent cotton should be used to rub the writing for about twenty minutes, using a spiral motion from left to right; that on his arrival in Portugal the Declarant received from HALMANN instructions regarding the secret ink developer designated by the organization for the exclusive use of the Declarant, this consisting of a small quantity of caustic soda in a half cup of water, being careful to see that the caustic soda was dissolved completely although a small quantity of

the product will remain in the bottom of the cup, undissolved by the water; finally, the liquid caustic soda is rubbed over the paper bearing the secret ink, developing the writing which had been written; that while still in Hamburg, MUREL explained to the Declarant what information was of interest to Germany, this being information regarding aviation, exact location of machine guns, installation of gasoline tanks, location of cameras, maximum speed of allied aircraft, and information regarding the Navy, particularly information regarding the range of short wave used by submarines in action; that while awaiting the day of departure from Hamburg the Declarant had an opportunity to see three or four typewritten sheets together with radio transmitter diagrams and he was told that these documents would be reproduced on microdots, which would serve as complete instruction for him in his communication with Germany; and that these contained also codes which were to be used by the Declarant; that he was informed that he would receive these microdots from HAMANN in Portugal at a place called Gascais; that the Declarant took leave of the interpreter of the organization and in the first days of June 1944 was accompanied by MUREL to Biarritz, and from there by automobile they went to São Sebastião where he returned to MUREL the false documents which he was carrying, and received his authentic documents, proceeding alone to Madrid for the purpose of obtaining an exit permit for travel to Portugal, which he executed about the middle of June; that on about the 15th or 16th of June the Declarant arrived in Lisbon and proceeded from there to Porto, where he again called upon his compatriot, ARMANDO CARVALHAL; that the Declarant then learned from CARVALHAL that the latter's family had known of his departure in the company of the Declarant for Germany and that as a matter of fact many people knew of the activities of CARVALHAL and the Declarant; that CARVALHAL then counseled the Declarant to leave the city of Porto and, if possible, to leave Portugal; that a few days later the Declarant accidentally met SEVERIANO, the first person who had invited him to take part in the organization, who complained to the Declarant that CARVALHAL had proceeded ingenuously as had the Sergeant of the Portuguese Army and that both, working in the German establishment and knowing all about the organization, had furnished information of a secret character to persons who were working for the English Secret Service and that this amounted to treason; that this encounter with SEVERIANO occurred in August 1944 in the Praça da Liberdade in Porto; that the Declarant resolved to seek out MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO, who was an official of the "German Information Service", situated on Rua Alvares Cabral, the person whom the Declarant had looked up in conformance with instructions from SEVERIANO, and having done this, PINHEIRO, in his capacity as a liaison agent between Porto and Lisbon, instructed the Declarant to go to Brazil,

it being sufficient for this purpose that the Declarant should seek out in Porto one REIMÃO, an official of the travel agency called "UNIVERSAL", and that this person would furnish to the Declarant the proper passport; that MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO on this occasion delivered to the Declarant the amount of approximately Cr.\$5000; that having obtained the passport furnished by REIMÃO, visaed by the Brazilian Consul in Porto, the Declarant traveled to Lisbon where he arrived, if he remembers correctly, on the 25th of August, 1944; that the Declarant does not know if SEVERIANO'S friend, CASTRO DIAS, was associated with the activities of the organization or with the assignment which was given to the Declarant; that further, in accordance with the instructions of MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO, the Declarant in Lisbon called upon FRIEDRICH WILHELM HAMANN, who told the Declarant that as a matter of fact he was to travel to Brazil, explaining that the Declarant should establish in Rio de Janeiro a radio transmitting station with which he would be able to transmit to three stations, two in Portugal, one in the city of Porto, the other in a villa named Regua, and the last in Madrid, and furnishing to the Declarant the following addresses: JOSE BRITO JUNIOR, Rua Formosa No. 370, Porto; ANTONIO TEIXEIRA, a commercial man in Regua, Portugal; and SEBASTIÃO FERNANDEZ LA FUENTE, Carretera Del Prado, No. 9, 2nd center right, Madrid; that HAMANN advised further that the Declarant in a telegram to be sent to one of the persons above indicated should say, "Mande procurecão", or "Peço noticias", which would indicate to the members of the organization that the Declarant's radio transmitting station was functioning; that HAMANN on this occasion delivered to the Declarant a small piece of cellophane paper which contained the necessary microdots for the use of the Declarant showing not only a diagram of the transmitting equipment to be installed by the Declarant, but also the phrase which constituted the code to be used; that HAMANN explained further to the Declarant that the organization intended to send to him for the services to be executed in Brazil the amount of Cr.\$50,000, adding that the Declarant would receive in Rio de Janeiro in the Casa Bancaria Aliança Ltda. the amount of Cr.\$35,000, which the Declarant should call for at the above referred to establishment about twenty days after his arrival in Brazil, it being only necessary that the Declarant exhibit his carteira of Identity to any official of the establishment; that the Declarant should say that he was expecting the amount of Cr.\$35,000 which was coming from Portugal; that immediately thereafter HAMANN delivered to the Declarant Cr.\$8000 for the original expenses of the Declarant during the voyage, the passage having already been paid for by REIMÃO of the Agencia Universal in Porto; that in terminating this last interview with

HAMANN the Declarant was given to understand that after a long stay in Brazil the Declarant, after carrying out all of the services he had undertaken for the organization, the installation of the radio transmitter, and furnishing of information, etc., should attempt to devise a means of traveling to the United States or to Argentina in conformance with instructions which would be received from Germany; that taking his leave of HAMANN the Declarant finally embarked on the Spanish vessel, "SS Cabo de la Buena Esperança", en route to Rio de Janeiro; that the Declarant embarked in Lisbon on the 4th of September, 1944, arriving in Rio de Janeiro on October 10th of same year, that upon disembarking the Declarant went to Hotel Avenida and, obtaining no accommodations there, he went to the Hotel Mem de Sá on the Avenida of the same name, occupying there Room No. 227. that upon his departure from Portugal where the Declarant has a brother named CARLOS AUGUSTO ~~X~~ STRECHT ~~X~~ RIBEIRO, who is a medical doctor, his brother told him that upon his arrival in Rio de Janeiro he should seek out one of his colleagues, also a medical doctor, named GUY DE ~~X~~ RINA ~~X~~ PEREIRA, who was living at the Regina Hotel; that upon seeking out this doctor, the doctor offered to present the Declarant to persons of his acquaintance, which he actually did, the Declarant owing to him the employment which he presently has as a designer in the Cia. Concreto Firmado e Construções Ltda., at Avenida Presidente Wilson No. 165, Room 312; that the Declarant has in Brazil a cousin who is a traveling agent for the firm Costa, Pacheco & Cia., located at Rua 7 de Setembro, the cousin being VASCO ~~X~~ PEIXOTO ~~X~~ BELLEZA, who is presently in the State of Rio Grande Do Sul; that during last June the Declarant visited with this relative in Rio de Janeiro explaining, however, that neither of these persons (BELLEZA or PEREIRA) has knowledge of the true mission which brought the Declarant to Brazil; that the Declarant remained only twenty days in the Hotel Mem de Sá and in October 1944 he moved to Rua Monte Alegre No. 500, first floor, apt. 102, and later to the Palacete Hotel, Rua Riacheulo, and later to his last address at Largo da Lapa, No. 53, in a room rented from a pedicurist named SABINO ~~X~~ BHELPUMO, the Declarant paying a monthly rent of Cr. \$150; that SABINO ~~X~~ BHELPUMO was also ignorant of the purpose for which the Declarant came to Brazil; that carrying out the orders received from HAMANN, the twenty days allowed for the receipt of the money at the Bancaria having passed, the Declarant went to the Casa Bancaria Aliança Ltda. where he learned that up until that time, November 1944, no money had yet arrived from Portugal; that until that time the Declarant was awaiting the arrival of the promised money in order to initiate his activities; that finally, only in April of 1945, did the Declarant receive, not the expected amount of Cr. \$35,000, but only Cr. \$12,500, at the Casa Bancaria Aliança Ltda; that this payment

was made to the Declarant personally by ANTONIO VILLELA MARQUES, Manager of the firm, the Declarant giving the necessary receipt without stamps; that the receipt in question was made in the name of FRANCISCO XANAS, a resident of Lisbon, unknown to the Declarant, the Declarant explaining that the referred to endorsement was typed by VILLELA MARQUES; that having the microdots in his possession at the time of his departure from Portugal, in order to mislead the authorities in Trinidad, he hid them in the lining of his gabardine coat which he placed in the bottom of one of his trunks; that during his stay in Brazil the Declarant had no desire to make a close examination of the microdots because he would need to read them only when he was ready for the fulfilment of his mission; that at Christmas 1944 the Declarant for the first time communicated with Portugal, addressing a telegram to JOSE VERRITO JUNIOR, one of the persons who was expecting news from the Declarant; that this telegram said only, "Merry Christmas", and that this greeting had no relation with his espionage service; that the Declarant also wrote a letter to the same addressee, making reference to Brazil in a general way, but that the message had no connection with his services; that having returned sometime later to the Casa Aliança Ltda. in an attempt to obtain the remainder of the money, which should have been Cr. \$22,500, he was attended there by the present manager of the firm, ARTUR VITORINO PLANO, who explained to the Declarant that the firm had received an order to transfer the money which had been received by the Declarant to a person residing in the suburb of Jacarepagua, declining to furnish the name of the person; that in view of this fact the Declarant did not again return to the Bancaria; the Declarant explained further that when he received the microdots from HAMANN in Lisbon, HAMANN had told the Declarant that he should obtain in Rio de Janeiro a copy of the book entitled, "Brumas do Passado", and that this book would serve to indicate the call letters to be used for the radio transmitting station to be erected by the Declarant, and also the call letters for the station in Hamburg; that the book was to be used in the following manner: Base number, number of the month and number of the day, respectively; that the base number of the Declarant was 14, which was also to be used by the station in Hamburg; explaining further, the Declarant said that if, having erected his radio station he would desire to contact the station in Hamburg on the 18th of July of the current year, for example, the Declarant would add the number 18 to the number 7, corresponding to the month of July, and to the number 14, which sum would indicate the number of the page to be used on the referred to date which in this case would be Page No. 39 of the book in question; that the Declarant would use for his first group the 4th and 7th letters of the first line, Page 39, which would form the initials D.N.A., which were to be used by Hamburg in

calling the Declarant, and the Declarant in calling Hamburg would use as the first group the 4th and 7th letters of the last line of the same page which would form the initials M.E.A., which would be the call letters of the Declarant's station; that it was agreed that only two frequencies would be used between Hamburg and the Declarant; that in the event of a change of frequency the Declarant would count up the same number of lines as the number of changes in frequency and obtain the new call letters in the same manner, and that this would also be done by the station in Hamburg; that in order to use the book, "Brumas do Passado", the Declarant would first have to study in detail the micropoints; that, finally, not only the micropoints but the book, "Brumas do Passado", was apprehended by the authorities of the Delegacia and the Declarant explained that he makes the present confession of all his activities in Europe and in Brazil in the full exercise of his mental faculties and without having suffered any duress on the part of the authorities who presided over the inquiry.

He said nothing more and was asked nothing further whereupon the Delegado instructed that this statement be closed and having read it and found it correct, except for the interlineations, "aquele", "ligeiro", "dias" and "ndo", signs it with the Declarant and the witnesses, GUILHERME BAYLAC, public official, resident at Rue Senador Dantas No. 95 and Hugo Ponalva Santos de Moraes Sarmento, also a public official, resident at Rua Natalina No. 23, both of whom were present at the inquiry from its beginning. I _____, police notary, typed this declaration and hereby sign it.

On August 2, 1945, ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO, son of CARLOS AUGUSTO FIGUEIREDO RIBEIRO and IRENE MENDES STRECHT RIBEIRO, 28 years old, single, designer, resident of Largo de Lapa No. 503, second floor, room 7, employed by Companhia Concreto Armado Construções Limitada, appearing before JOAQUIM ANTUNES DE OLIVEIRA in the Delegacia de Segurança Política, deposed as follows:

The Declarant confirms in full detail his previous declaration made during the present inquiry. When asked what plans he had in connection with his espionage activities for the Axis, for obtaining information relative to the national defense and transferring it to Germany, the Declarant answered that initially, in accordance with instructions received in Hamburg, he was to infiltrate into high Brazilian society circles where, after gaining the confidence of important persons, he could easily obtain the desired information, developing these persons into indirect agents in his service; when asked what persons he had recruited as this type of agent, he responded that he had postponed the recruitment of these persons awaiting the receipt of the initial payment of Cr.\$35,000, which was to be sent to him from Hamburg by way of Lisbon, the delay being necessary because the Declarant could take no action before he was able to meet the expenses; when asked how he intended to mount his radio transmitting equipment in Rio de Janeiro, the Declarant said that, in accordance with technical instructions given in Hamburg, he intended to mount his transmitter preferably in a tall building which would be well isolated; for example, in an apartment which would be occupied by the Declarant alone and which would be located, if possible, in the Esplanada do Castelo section of the city; when asked if he had taken the first steps toward the installation of the transmitter, the Declarant said that he had done nothing in this regard because, as he stated above, he had not yet received sufficient money for the expenses, adding that the first equipment which would be acquired would be a microscope to be used in reading the micropoints, and that the cost of the microscope, at a minimum, would be Cr.\$1000; when asked in what manner radio transmissions to Germany would be made the Declarant

said that once the transmitter was in operation transmissions would be made in a code outlined in the micropoints and preferably during the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. since during this period atmospheric conditions are best; when asked if he received in this capital from his espionage organization only the amount of Cr.\$12,500 for the initiation of his espionage service, the declarant responded that he had received only the Cr.\$12,500 already referred to in previous statements and, as he had already said, the sum was received through the Casa Aliança Bancaria, Ltda., Avenida Rio Branco; asked how he used this sum of money the Declarant said that he had ordered a worsted suit from the Alfaiataria Renascença on Rua Garioca, for the sum of Cr.\$1000, had purchased a gabardine topcoat and matching hat at the Casa Jose Silva for the amount of Cr.\$570, had paid his subscription of Cr.\$4570 to the Beneficiencia Portuguesa, and had spent the rest on his own maintenance; when asked how he intended to use further moneys which would be received from Germany for the espionage service of the Axis, the Declarant responded that according to agreements which he made in Hamburg with members of the German High Command he was to use the funds provided to execute the orders which he would receive from Germany not only in dealing with persons whom he would contact in Brazil but also with persons who would be indicated to him in radio communications and in carrying out all measures which would be useful and beneficial in the furtherance of the mission entrusted to him; finally, when asked if he repented having assumed a mission of this nature - to work against the allies in favor of Germany in the capacity of a secret agent of the Reich - the Declarant responded that, as shown by the information set forth in his previous statements, there was no doubt that during the period of war he was a strong supporter of the German cause. The Declarant said nothing further nor was he questioned; whereupon the Dolegado instructed that this statement be closed and having read it and finding it correct signs it along with the Declarant and the witnesses GUILHERME BAYLAC, public official, resident at Rua Senador Dantas No. 95, and HUGO PENALVA DE MORAIS SARMENTO, also a public official, resident at Rua Natalina No. 23, both of whom were present at the inquiry from its beginning.

I, _____, police notary, typed the declaration and hereby sign it.

Re: Peasant Case
Rio 8/29/46

Reliable Source C has informed that as of August 22, 1946, STRECHT's case has, as yet, not been disposed of and that STRECHT was still retained in custody. The case against him has been turned over by the police to the Supreme Military Tribunal for disposition.

Case Originated At: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL			File No. 65-3
Report Made At Rio de Janeiro	Date 8/29/46	Period 8/19, 20/46	Made By GEORGE A. VAN NOY NK
Title PEASANT CASE		Character ESPIONAGE - G	

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

The arrest of ACACIO AUGUSTO STRECHT RIBEIRO by the Rio de Janeiro Police Department on 7/16/45 was the result of information furnished by the Rio de Janeiro Office to the Police Department on 7/12/45. The information which was furnished to the PD was a summary of that set forth in the Bureau's letter dated 3/31/45 dealing with the accusations made against STRECHT in statements to the Portuguese Police by MARIO FERREIRA PINHEIRO. None of the information regarding STRECHT which emanated from Bureau Source I was included in the summary memorandum furnished to the Police Department. Coverage of STRECHT's activities up until the time of his arrest failed to disclose any information that he was actually engaged in espionage activities in Brazil or that he had engaged in such activities subsequent to his arrival.

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IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES:

Source C; Special Agent Rolf L. Larson

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Bureau File 65-51317

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent George A. Van Noy,
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TO : XXXXX COFFEY R.T. HARBO
FROM : H. B. LONG
SUBJECT: 65-51317

DATE: 10/17/46

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The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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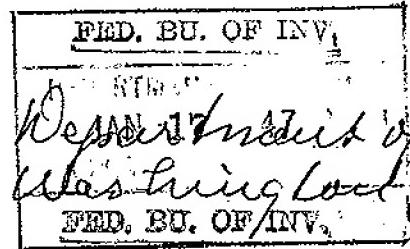
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At H. Mr. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sirs,

H. S. GOLDSCHEIDER

Although the war finished
some time ago I am writing
to you for the completion of your
files.

I am also attaching a
copy of a letter addressed to Mr.
Winston Churchill dated

February 1943 65-54317-663

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Arrived 1 JAN 27 1947
I arrived in Lisbon
in 1943. The first thing I did was
to inform the Dutch Security
official Mr. Mees Geestromus that
my prime object was to help the
Americans in their fight against
the common enemy asked if I
would go to England the whole

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thing would be spoiled, if I 50
would go to England as the Germans
did not want me to go to England.
The only reply I received from
this official was that he was
not interested in helping the
Americans.

I had told in clear language
that the Germans had trusted
me with a key position for their
service in America and on
account of that I thought I
might be able to do some useful
work for the American Ally.

However, I was forced to
tell the Germans that I was
not going to America but to
England.

As is known to your Service
at the request of your official in
Lisbon I had to write before
leaving Lisbon that I was
going to the Argentine and from
London I had to write that I
was going to the United States.

By that time the whole thing
was too silly to be workable.

I was glad that the trip to 51
the Argentine was cancelled
because I guessed and probably
quite rightly that the Dutch
officials in their innocence
would have betrayed me to the
Germans anyway.

It would have been of no use going
to the Argentine and just
walk into a German trap.

The Dutch officials in Holland
in order to justify their actions
which were really nothing else
but helping the Germans as they
had prevented me from helping
the Americans and doing harm
to the Germans, said that I was
a dangerous spy and traitor.

I could not defend myself
against this infamous accusation
of a powerful service in war time.

A little more than a year
ago I had an interview with
Lt. Col. Percival formerly of the
Military Intelligence Branch
of the British War Office.

In the course of the conversation

this officer remarked that there was a possibility I had lost my nerve in this work. That accusation was at least moderately plausible.

However, Lt. Col. Percival was wrong again. Before leaving Holland for Haarburg I went to a Dutch friend of mine Major D. Bydenekh now living in Scheveningen (Holland).

I told Bydenekh that after much trouble and much patience I was now in a position to help the Allies substantially in the near future.

However, Bydenekh for his and my own safety asked me not to tell him what it was.

There is little more I have to add to my frustrated efforts. Sorry I failed.

Yours faithfully

H. S. Goldschmidt

London 19 Apr. 1944. 33

Regent Palace Hotel

copy of letter

Afschrift selvgewen aan

Mr. Winston Churchill
Prime Minister

Dear Sir,

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With reluctance I am writing to you as I know you are a very busy man but I have no other possibility to redeem a pledge given to me by or on behalf of the British Government.

My name is H. S. Goldschmidt born 3 January 1895 at Groningen (Holland), Res-Captain of Cavalry of the Dutch Army and also a trained observer of the Air Force.

I came to this country May 28, 1943 and to England September 28, 1943 at the request of the British Government.

ENCLOSURE

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When war broke out I was 34 in the Dutch Army just having been transferred to a frontier cavalry regiment. At the night of the capitulation of the Dutch Army, I went to an airport to get a place to go to England and join the R.A.F. However, all the Dutch pilots I contacted refused.

There was nothing left then to wait and see what could be done.

To make a very long story of unsuccessful attempt short, by some coincidence I came in contact with one of the chiefs of the German Secret Service in Holland with whom I have had a business contact years before the war and of whom I had completely lost sight.

This German proposed to me to work for the Germans in either South or North America. I naturally grasped at that opportunity, knowing by doing

so I could render the allied cause a great service. It took the Germans about a year and a half to make up their mind especially after I had refused all of their offers. Then they decided to take me on, probably they were in need of the right type of man the Allies needed trust and because they thought I had the right connections to suit their purpose. For the rest they put their faith in my pretended friends up for them and they made the most wonderful promises for after the war. That all suited my purpose very well.

Through my connection with them I already had gathered some information regarding their espionage system all of which I put away carefully in my memory for further reference as soon as the occasion would come.

In November 1942 it was decided to take me on and

I was sent to Hamburg to receive the necessary instruction for the work overseas. 36

Amongst some of the principal items of information I could collect and deliver to the Allies were:

That Hamburg was the Headquarters and chief training center of the German Secret Service.

Could give a number of real and cover names of some of their principal agents.

could deliver one of the types of code used for wireless transmitters.

could deliver their latest type of secret ink consisting of Kieselwax and some chemical.

I had heard in Hamburg that some of the British agents sent to Germany were lacking in speed, including radio transmitters and could therefore easily be caught.

I had heard that the Germans

possessed a gas that could 37
penetrate Russian gas masks.

On a tour of training here
the port of Hamburg I counted
on the different wharfs 36
submarines in the process of
building.

I learned from one of
his instructors from a general
letter of the German High
Command that the principal
foreign places of activity for
the German Secret Service
were: Gibraltar, Santa Lucia,
Peru and the main
North American ports and
that it was expected the war
would last a long time yet.

In addition to this he gave
an outline on their organization
and methods.

All this information was
given at the first opportunity
to Allied officers.

In Hamburg it was decided
that I should go to North America
on May 28th 1943. I arrived

in Lisbon. On arrival I got 38 immediately in touch with the Dutch Consul-General, telling him the story, also advising him that this was now a splendid opportunity to assist the Americans and to cooperate with them by fooling the Germans in every possible way to which the Dutch Consul General gladly agreed.

However, he had to put me in touch with the Director of the Dutch Security Service of the Lisbon Legation who would handle the matter further.

This gentleman was only interested to know where I had slept on the night I arrived in Lisbon and it took him eight weeks before he advised the British officials which he should have done within a few days as the British Secret Service official explained to me.

This Dutch Director of

Secretary and his staff 39
have left hision by now.

It was then decided that
for the time being I should
not go to America but to London
at the request of your Government
and I was only too glad to
do so in order to assist as
much as possible.

During the very exhaustive
interrogation by British officials
after my arrival in London
I mentioned that before the
invasion of Holland had
started, I had informed the
Intelligence Branch of the Dutch
Army that Holland would be
invaded thru the air by the
Germans. I had this knowledge
from a friend of Goering who
I knew from my work with
the Fokker Aircraft Factory
in Amsterdam.

I even made a plan how that
could be counteracted and I
also pointed out as I served
with an airforce regiment the

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despicable defenceless state of Dutch Air Fields. The Dutch Staff could not accept the fantastic tale of German air invasion and I had to console myself that fantastic tales of more prominent people than myself had been ridiculed and rejected, which later events proved to be quite correct.

By another of these quaint coincidences this same Dutch Staff officer to whom I passed on his information happens to be in Holland and at a recent meeting he admitted the Dutch Staff should have believed me so that the Dutch Army might have been grouped differently and resistance could have lasted much longer.

After I had assisted the British officials in all that was in my power and having been their guest for some time it was decided in November that I

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I should no more go to the United States, I was called to White Hall where I met as I presume the Chief of the British Intelligence Department.

This official thanked me for the work I had done, that he understood the difficulties and risks I had to overcome that I had the assurance of the British Government that I would be treated and rewarded very well by the Dutch Government.

I then was turned over to the Dutch Government who did not know any better than to put me under arrest. I may be short regarding that as this does not concern the British Government. I have been barred from everything, I am allowed a three pounds dole per week and the Chief of the Dutch Security even warns my friends in London against me.

I may ask for ~~well~~ time⁴²,
for helping the Allied cause.

The British War Office has
been so kind to intervene in
my behalf however to no avail.
From the enclosed letter of
the British War Office dated
15 February 1944 you may see
that they tried to help me a
few days ago but that matters
are outside their control.

You are the inspiring
leader of humanity in their
fight for justice, freedom and
decency and for these reasons
I am writing to you.
I came to this country at
the request of your government.

I have received an
assurance of your government.

I always have held the
invincible belief that the
British Government will stand
for its word as long as England
is England.

Although I know that
I am quite a powerless

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Inconveniency I write to you
as Head of the British Government.

All I can do in these
circumstances is to offer you
my services and if these would
be accepted that would be a
reward in itself and the once
given assurance of the British
Government would be redeemed.

I have no other means
at my command than to
bring my case to your knowledge
desiring at the same time your
assistance and intervention.

P. Remond
Yours faithfully

W. S.
H. S. Goldschmidt

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TO : MR. HARBO - Room 7639
FROM : C. F. DOWNING
SUBJECT: Cryptanalysis Matters;
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DATE January 30, 1947

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Carson
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Mr. Hendon
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

During the past several years, we have been instructed from time to time by the Security Division to discontinue our cryptanalytic efforts on certain cases. If these involved radio traffic, the intercepts together with the message record sheets and work sheets have been sent to the Records Section and filed as a bulky exhibit on the eighth floor for any further reference which might be necessary or become desirable.

Attached are two lists. The first comprises for the most part unsolved traffic, traffic, which has never been studied or in a few isolated instances plain text material examined with negative results. The second list is composed of traffic from solved circuits or double agent cases where the system of encipherment is known. Most of the items on both lists are German clandestine in nature.

In connection with Attachment I, it is recommended that all the intercepts, message record sheets and work sheets be destroyed. In connection with Attachment II, it is recommended that all the intercepts be destroyed except representative samples in each case.

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The recommendations made above have been considered primarily of course from a technical viewpoint. You will notice, however, that a number of these have received publicity in the past, primarily those operating out of South America; a number of others are double agent cases (for example, Kobar, 64-25803; Lodge, 64-30460; Pat J., 65-41274; the Peasant case, 65-51317; Mosquera, 65-37233; [redacted] [redacted] double agent, 98-14539); and still others have been of considerable importance in the past and may for one reason or another be important to the Security Division now such as, for example, HDZ, 65-41720, which has much to do with the Argentine government; the files listed as Chapultepec, Mexico, Radio, 65-16273 and 65-8946, which concern the Ducase and Clog case; and the Werner and Waltemath case, 64-21970. For this reason, it is suggested that the entire matter be reviewed by both the Security Division and the Records and Communication Division for legal, investigative and other aspects involved before any action is taken. For the information of these two divisions, the solved circuits operating out of South America will be found among those listed on Attachment II as will also the double agent and other cases mentioned heretofore.

In the event the two recommendations are approved this memorandum should be returned to the Cryptanalysis Section so that the material can be segregated and arrangements made for its destruction.

Attachments

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ATTACHMENT I

(Intercepts, Message Record Sheets and
Work Sheets to be Destroyed)

YVQ-YVR	64-25990	V9X	65-52510
✓ LRN	64-29031	PBD	65-54398
AOT	64-29436	SPI	65-54949
SNM	65-6854	TTE	65-54982
BERLIN MISCELLANEOUS	"	CAN	65-55048
HAMBURG MISCELLANEOUS	"	MOA	65-55074
TLT-NTT	65-41989	MQD	65-55075
YVG	65-41996	RAP	65-55076
GERMAN NEWS & ENTERTAINMENT	65-33838	NAS	65-55077
GERMAN AMATEURS	65-34194	DKS	65-55078
GERMAN MISCELLANEOUS	65-34275	HMD	65-55079
URP	65-35144	SYK	65-55104
TAK-NES	65-36102	BDW-MAX	65-37511
AKA	65-36132	URD-WNS	65-40702
GSW	65-43680	SCH	65-53292
IMT	65-46911	GTH	65-55124
AAR	65-47430	NAE	65-55178
IGN-NRA	65-48000	WGK	65-55191
VRE-TUE	65-48020	STB	65-55201
KGU	65-49087	TBO	65-55250
LAL	65-49096	LUCIENTES PRESS DISPATCHES	100-74634
DOG	65-52509	MISCELLANEOUS INTERCEPTS	65-6854

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ATTACHMENT II

(All Intercepts Except Representative
Samples in each Case to be Destroyed)

BAR	65-25803	HAL	65-48823
LOD	64-30460	NUD	65-49130
EJI-PAW	65-47845	NAG	65-49131
BOU	65-41274	WIV	65-49322
NEB	65-47429	SOP	65-49329
ONB	65-51317	IZA	65-49890
MOSQUERA	65-37233	MEN	65-50579
NMR	98-14539	CAB	65-54454
MNT	64-21970	PAK	65-54939
KUR(PQZ)	64-25150	IEK	65-36982
CHAPULTEPEC, MEXICO, RADIO)	65-16273 65-8946	UUZ	65-37705
OSE-CBM	65-42280	ORE-HIT	65-38476
LIR-MAX	65-35143	JOH-RND	65-40570
PYL-REW	65-35145	BUQ	65-41411
CEL-ALD	65-35143	HDZ	65-47120
LFS	65-36101	SPANIP (ALADREN)	65-46383
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *PAH*

FROM : Mr. L. L. Tyley *LLT*

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G
(65-51317)

DATE: June 24, 1948

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There is attached hereto a folder which collects in one place the radio traffic in this case. Since this traffic is not elsewhere collected in this convenient form, it is recommended that this folder be appropriately filed.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Attachment R

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Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. T. HARBO [initials]
FROM : D. J. Parsons
SUBJECT: Helmut Siegfried Goldschmidt, aka
Peasant; Espionage--G
65-51317

DATE: May 2, 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. A. T. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMOND *obj*

DATE: 10/15/54

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *ZBN*SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE, ESPIONAGE - G
ESPIONAGE

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 65-51317-610

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Candy _____

We are presently in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits presently on hand, in order that we may weed out those which will serve no useful purpose by being retained. Inasmuch as a great many of these bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that you have the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein. A notation as to the decision rendered should be placed on this memorandum, and it should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Section, room 1113, Identification Building. This memorandum will be filed in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

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65-51317-667

That the above-listed bulky exhibit *obj* reviewed ²² and ^a Oct 22 1954 decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

CMM:kb

This exhibit is original Bureau material and should be retained

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. T. Harbo

DATE: October 21, 1949

FROM : C. F. Downing

SUBJECT: Cryptanalysis-Translation Section
Administrative~~TOP SECRET~~
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Attached is an inventory of material other than intercept which has been placed in dead storage and retained for analytical purposes at some future date.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the following items be transferred to the appropriate administrative files:

Country	File #	Type of Material
Germany	65-33585	Material removed from Laboratory files.
Italy	65-37236	Material removed from Laboratory files.
Japan	65-33586	Material removed from Laboratory files.
Spanish	65-39295	Material removed from Laboratory files.

It is further recommended that all other items on the attached list be destroyed provided this action meets with the approval of the Security Division. The latter's attention, however, is invited to 65-33780 under "Germany" which pertains to the case entitled "Kurt Frederick Ludwig, alias Joe K., Espionage - G".

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cc: 80-748

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FILE #</u>	<u>TYPE OF MATERIAL</u>
Argentina	65-41271	Analysis record sheets, worksheets and message logs.
Brazil	65-43217	IBM runs, worksheets and message logs.
Bulgaria	65-57671	IBM runs.
Chile	65-41773	Message logs.
Colombia	64-29366	Message record sheets.
Dominican Republic	65-43522	Worksheets.
Finland	65-44583	Worksheets.
France	65-43521	IBM runs, worksheets and message logs.
Germany	65-33585	Material removed from Laboratory files.
	64-20658	Sample messages and worksheets.
	64-21364	"
	64-25150	"
	64-25803	"
	65-8946	"
	65-16273	"
	65-30460	"
	65-33780	Worksheets.
	65-35143	Sample messages and message record sheets.
	65-35743	64-3012-A-3-498, 499
	65-36101	Sample messages and worksheets
	65-36376	"
	65-36982	"
	65-37705	"
	65-38476	"
	65-40570	Worksheets and message record sheets
	65-40962	Sample messages, worksheets and message record sheets.
	65-41274	Sample messages
	65-41411	Sample messages and worksheets.
	65-42280	Sample messages and message record sheets.
	65-42430	"
	65-46383	Sample messages
	65-47120	Sample messages, worksheets and message record sheets.
	65-47429	Sample messages and worksheets.
	65-47845	"
	65-48823	"
	65-49130	"
	65-49131	Sample messages, worksheets and message record sheets.
	65-49890	"
	65-50579	"

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TOP SECRET 65-51319

~~TOP SECRET~~

Memorandum to Mr. Harbo.

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FILE #</u>	<u>TYPE OF MATERIAL</u>
Germany	65-51317	Sample messages and message record sheets
	65-53213	Sample messages
	65-54454	Sample messages and worksheets
	65-14539 99	"
Israel	100-349903	IBM runs, worksheets, analysis record sheets and message logs.
Italy	65-37236	Material removed from Laboratory files.
	65-40178	Worksheets
Japan	65-33586	Material removed from Laboratory files.
	65-36852	Message record sheets
Mexico	65-42806	IBM runs.
Poland	65-57669	IBM cards, IBM runs, worksheets, analysis record sheets and message logs.
Portugal	65-42833	Message logs.
Roumania	65-57411	Message logs.
Russia	65-35784	IBM cards, worksheets and message logs.
	65-57670	IBM runs, worksheets and message logs.
	100-352562	Worksheets
Spain	65-39295	Material removed from Laboratory files.
	65-39295	IBM runs, worksheets, analysis record sheets and message logs.
Uruguay	65-54414	Worksheets and message logs.
Venezuela	65-43514	IBM runs, worksheets and message logs.
Yugoslavia	65-57668	IBM runs, worksheets, analysis record sheets and message logs.
Miscellaneous (Allied Station)	65-53308	Worksheets and message record sheets.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT *WDS*

DATE: 10/15/54

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *ZBNe*SUBJECT: "RADIO MESSAGES; PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Kahr _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Coffey _____

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 65-51317-379

We are presently in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits presently on hand, in order that we may weed out those which will serve no useful purpose by being retained. Inasmuch as a great many of these bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that you have the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein. A notation as to the decision rendered should be placed on this memorandum, and it should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Section, room 1113, Identification Building. This memorandum will be filed in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

GHW:kob

S-ADJ
 This exhibit contains
 original Bureau material
 and should be retained

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: 5/26/55

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *ZB71e*SUBJECT: HELMUTH SIEGFRIED GOLDSCHMIDT
ESPIONAGE

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 65-51317-662

*cc: B. Nichols
Bob Gandy*

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

JWM:mbm

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*Q₂, Q₃ destroyed - see memo 6-28-55
bal worksheets attached.
other material from Bulky Exhibit
attached - retain in Bu files*

65-51317
memorandum
6-16-55
cc: B. Nichols

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JUL 27 1955
B. Nichols

cc: B. Nichols

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 28, 1955

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: HELMUTH STEGFRIED GOLDSCHMIDT
ESPIONAGE - GE

65-51317-662

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
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 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

W. A. Branigan

Attached is the memo dated 6-16-55 to Mr. Parsons recommending that the Domestic Intelligence Division authorize the destruction of a bulky exhibit designated as Q2 and Q3. This exhibit is described in serial 35 of this case and is now maintained in the FBI Laboratory. The Laboratory has advised that this exhibit has no value, that the Laboratory examination was negative and recommends destruction.

RECOMMENDATION:

This exhibit appears to be of no intelligence information to the Bureau and it is recommended that it be destroyed.

Q2, Q3 Destroyed 7/7/55
cwb.

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Enclosure

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cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Dunn

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J. W. Holmes
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: June 16, 1955

FROM : A. K. Bowles

SUBJECT: HELMUTH SIEGFRUD GOLDSCHMIDT
ESPIONAGE - G

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols _____
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
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 Rosen _____
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 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

A review of the bulky exhibits in the above case disclosed specimens Q2 and Q3. These specimens are described in memorandum of January 29, 1944, as follows:

Q2 One writing pad.

Q3 Packet of twenty-one envelopes.

The above material does not appear to have any present value for evidentiary purposes and is occupying valuable space in the Bureau's files. Q2 and Q3 were submitted for Laboratory's information.

ACTION: It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division and that authority be given to destroy specimens Q2 and Q3.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. B. Donahoe SOG

FROM : A. R. Jones AJ

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - GERMANY

DATE: August 27, 1959

✓ Belmont
✓ L. Short
✓ L. W. Gandy

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
DeLoach	_____
McGuire	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

By memo from Short to McGuire dated 4-17-59 it was requested bulky exhibit 65-51317-610 be reviewed for decision as to its retention or disposition.

This exhibit has been reviewed and consists of a set of index cards reflecting messages prepared or cleared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. These index cards were prepared by the supervisor at the SOG who was handling this case in 1945 and they were maintained by him as a ready reference as this was the only way the deceptive messages sent could be readily grouped. This case is closed. It involved a double agent operation involving radio contact with Germany. All messages are duplicated in files, both in reports and radio logs.

RECOMMENDATION:

There appears to be no present use for this exhibit and no future foreseeable use to Bureau. Recommend this exhibit be destroyed.

Handed 8/27/59
gk 65-51317

S. B. Short

1 - Mr. Donahoe
1 - Mr. Short
1 - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. McGuire

FROM : L. E. SCHROEDER

SUBJECT: HELLMUTH STEGRIED GOLDSCHMIDT
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: DEC 10 1959

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
DeLoach _____
McGuire _____
Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Troster _____
W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 65-51317-379

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

AM:11b5b

Laboratory has no objection to destruction of material
in Bulky Exhibit File # 65-51317-379.

Suggest Domestic Intelligence Division review,
it being noted that Division stated it should be
retained when reviewed in Oct 1954 (see 65-51317-668)

Nat. Int. Sec. recommends that 205
This exhibit be retained as it
was received from Bureau
material and should be retained.

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A.H.F.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MCGUIRE
MQW

FROM : L. E. SHORT
L.E.S.

SUBJECT: PEASANT CASE
ESPIONAGE - G

DATE: APR 17 1959

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
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Parsons _____
Rosen _____
Tamm _____
Trotter _____
W.C. Sullivan _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
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RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

J.W. Marshall

Done 14/4/59.
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J. W. MARSHALL

Themo Jone to Cora Lee
8-27-59
A.R.J. zw
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